



2026 Livestock/ Ag Mech Rules

October 6-October 11, 2026

It is highly recommended that all exhibitors read the general rules as well as the division rules thoroughly for a complete understanding.

2026 JCYF Important Dates

All events take place in the designated area at the Brackenridge Recreation Complex Main Event Center unless noted with a *

Date	Time	Division	Event	Location
September 23, 2026	6-7:00 PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	Hoofed Animals	Scale Open	Scale
October 3, 2026	2:00 PM	See Rules for Designated Clubs	Set-up	BRC-MEC
October 10, 2026	1:00 PM	All	Auction	Main Arena
October 11, 2026	7-8:00 AM	All except Rabbits	Livestock Pickup	Scale
October 11, 2026	1:00 PM	See Rules for Designated Clubs	Clean Up	BRC-MEC
Online until	April 30, 2026	Rabbits	Registration	Online
July 24, 2026	On or after	Rabbits	Date of Birth	
September 2, 2026	5-7:00 PM	Rabbits	Tattooing	Foyer
October 6, 2026	6:00 PM	Rabbits	Set-up	Main Arena
October 7, 2026	8:00 AM	Rabbits	Judging	Main Arena
October 11, 2026	8-9:00 AM	Rabbits	Pickup Animals	Livestock Area
October 11, 2026	8:30 AM	Rabbits	Clean Up	Livestock Area
Online until	April 30, 2026	Poultry	Registration	Online
August 7, 2026	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Roasters	Delivery	*Extension Kitchen*
August 28, 2026	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Fryers	Delivery	*Extension Kitchen*
October 7, 2026	7:30-8 AM	Poultry	Check-in	Main Arena
October 7, 2026	8 AM	Roasters	Judging	Main Arena
October 7, 2026	8:30 AM	Fryers	Judging	Main Arena
Online until	June 4, 2026	Goats	Registration	Online
June 6, 2026	9:30-10 AM	Goats	Tag-In	Scale
June 6, 2026	Immediately following Tag-In	Goats	Progress Show	Scale
July 25, 2026	8:00 AM	Goats	Progress Show	Livestock Area
October 7, 2026	9-9:30 AM	Goats	Weigh/Check In	Scale
October 7, 2026	1:00 PM	Goats	Judging	Main Arena
Online until	June 4, 2026	Lambs	Registration	Online
June 6, 2026	9-9:30 AM	Lambs	Tag-In	Scale
June 6, 2026	Immediately following Tag-In	Lambs	Progress Show	Scale
July 25, 2026	Immediately following Goats	Lambs	Progress Show	Livestock Area
October 7, 2026	9:30-10 AM	Lambs	Weigh/Check In	Scale
October 7, 2026	3:00 PM	Lambs	Judging	Main Arena
Online until	May 28, 2026	Commercial Heifers	Registration	Online
November 6, 2024	October 6, 2025	Commercial Heifers	Date of Birth	
May 30, 2026	8-9:00 AM	Commercial Heifers	Tag-In	Scale
September 9, 2026	September 24, 2025	Commercial Heifers	Pregnancy Test	
September 27, 2026	6:30-7 PM	Commercial Heifers	Test 1	*Edna Livestock Auction*
September 29, 2026	6:30-7 PM	Commercial Heifers	Test 2	*Edna Livestock Auction*
October 6, 2026	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Commercial Heifers	Check-in	Scale
October 6, 2026	1:30 PM	Commercial Heifers	Judging	Livestock Area
October 7, 2026	12 Noon	Commercial Heifers	Awards Ceremony	Main Arena
Online until	April 4, 2026	Steers	Registration	Online
April 6, 2026	6-7:00 PM	Steers	Tag-In	Scale
June 1, 2026	5:45 PM Weigh In 6:15 Show	Steers	Progress Show	Scale
August 3, 2026	5:45 PM Weigh In 6:15 Show	Steers	Progress Show	Scale
October 6, 2026	6-7:00 PM	Steers	Weigh/Check In	Scale
October 7, 2026	5:00 PM	Steers	Judging	Main Arena
Online until	June 4, 2026	Swine	Registration	Online
June 6, 2026	7:30-9 AM	Swine	Tag-In	Scale
October 7, 2026	7:30-8:30 AM	Swine	Weigh/Check In	Scale
October 7, 2026	6:30 PM	Swine	Judging	Main Arena
Online until	September 18, 2026	Ag Mech	Registration	Online
October 6, 2026	5-6:30PM	Ag Mechanics	Check-In	BRC-MEC
October 7, 2026	9:00AM- 1:00PM	Ag Mechanics	Judging	BRC-MEC
October 7, 2026	2:45 PM	Ag Mechanics	Awards Ceremony	Main Arena
October 11, 2026	By 9 AM	Ag Mechanics	Check Out	BRC-MEC

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GENERAL RULES

All entries in the livestock department will be subject to the general rules as published in this rulebook.

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Competition in All Youth Divisions A, B, C, D, E, F, and G of the Livestock and Poultry Show shall be open only to the boys and girls who are members of organized 4-H and FFA Chapters of Jackson County and a resident of Jackson County. An exhibitor will only be eligible to show in the Jackson County Youth Fair if they have not shown in another county show the same calendar year. After graduation from high school, an exhibitor will **NOT** be allowed to show and sell in the Youth Auctions and Commercial Heifer Auctions, thereafter. 4-H and FFA members are required to attend 75% of their scheduled meetings or chapters scheduled activities to be eligible to show and should be "Members in good standing" at fair time. Eligibility will be verified before the fair by the 4-H club manager or FFA advisor.
- B. **NO PASS - NO PLAY**- Jackson County Youth Fair Board has adopted a policy to **reflect** the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule is an effort to stress the importance of education. Every exhibitor wanting to enter the Fair will be responsible for their grades. The Jackson County Youth Fair will enforce this rule for all livestock, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors. UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities 33.081-33.083. To show on Wednesday, the exhibitor must be eligible to participate on all days (Wednesday thru Saturday) of the Fair Week. Each school district will provide a list of exhibitors not eligible in writing. Any changes to the list must be made in writing that is signed and dated by a school administrator.
- C. The Jackson County Fair Board will follow the decision of the schools in case of ineligibility for academic and/or other disciplinary reasons. **An exhibitor must be eligible to participate in a UIL sanctioned event/contest to be eligible to participate in the Jackson County Youth Fair.**

2. ZERO TOLERANCE:

Exhibitors must be on good behavior at and during all official fair events. Generally quiet and good behavior **MUST** be kept at all times. Fair Security Personnel are empowered to expel any person creating a disturbance. **Any person expelled will forfeit any awards or prizes won during the Fair.**

3. ENTRY APPLICATIONS, FEES:

Entries will be taken online only. It's fast, easy and leaves less room for errors. The online site will be live April 1st and the secured link will be posted on the Fair website at jcyf.org. Complete and submit the entry (SS# required due to 1099s) and print a copy for your records. **Upon submission, exhibitors will be emailed an entry receipt. Please print this receipt and bring to tag-in. Payment will be online only.**

Entry fees for all livestock projects will be \$55.00 per division and will be due at the time of entry. Entry fees **MUST** accompany the entry or the **ENTRY IS NOT VALID**. Registration for Steers, Commercial Heifers, Swine, Goats, and Lambs will remain open until 2 days prior to Tag-In. Animals must be tagged in by the tag-in date and an online registration must be completed to be considered a valid entry. If these things have not been completed, you will not show.

4. **TAGGING REQUIREMENTS:**

Steers	April 6, 2026	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Commercial Heifers	May 30, 2026	8:00 – 9:00 AM
Lambs	June 6, 2026	9:00 – 9:30 AM
Goats	June 6, 2026	9:30 – 10:00 AM
Swine	June 6, 2026	7:30 – 9:00 AM
Rabbits	September 2, 2026	5:00 – 7:00 PM

All animals must be ear tagged or tattooed. If a tag comes out or is lost, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact their committee chairperson within 24 hours.

5. **OWNERSHIP OF ENTRIES:**

- A. Entries must be bona fide property of exhibitor and be on feed by the Tag-In date, as set forth by the Livestock Committee of the Jackson County Youth Fair Association (JCYFA).
- B. All Market Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag-in until the animal release date at the fair. The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the Division Chairman. Exceptions include participating in a major or jackpot show, animal is under listed veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required), or other reasons approved by the Division Chairman. The Division Chairman shall be notified by email and/or phone prior to leaving the county for more than 24 hours. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued. Failure to notify the Division Chairman as described above will result in a \$100 fine and could include removal from the show. Spot checks for verification of possession of market livestock entries may occur at the discretion of the JCYFA.

6. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:**

- A. Exhibitors may enter unlimited divisions with a maximum of 2 projects per division. But, only **ONE** market class entry and **ONE** Commercial Heifer entry is eligible to enter into the Jackson County Youth Fair Livestock and Poultry Shows per exhibitor.
- B. Families with 2 or more Exhibitors may share projects. (Example: 2 children may have up to 4 tagged projects on their entry. 3 children = 6 tagged projects, 4 children = 8 tagged projects, etc.) Commercial Heifer entries consist of up to three tagged heifers per entry. The groupings of the three tagged heifers must remain intact on each Family entry. If questions arise to validity of siblings/families, it will be addressed by the Fair Board on an as needed basis.

7. **SCALES**

The fair scales will be certified annually. The fair scales will be the official scales of the show after they have been certified. A scale tolerance of three pounds will be allowed per the manufacturer's recommendations and to be following surrounding and major shows.

The fair scales will be available at the following date and time **ONLY** for optional weigh-ins:

September 23, 2026 6:00-7:00 PM by appointment with the Livestock Superintendent

Weights indicated by the scales during this time should be considered "**informational**" only and are not considered official. The scale may or may not have been certified at this time due to scheduling with the vendor.

8. CHECK-IN of ENTRIES:

- A. See diagram for information where to unload your Fair project. Please arrive at your designated area on time and not sooner or later. No projects are allowed in the pen area until weighed on the scale (Livestock Entries) or placed by the Judge (Poultry and Rabbit Entries). Livestock and poultry will be checked in at the following times.

October 6 th	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Commercial Heifers
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Steer Check-In and Weighing
October 7 th	7:30 - 8:30 AM	Swine Check-In and Weighing
	7:30 - 8:00 AM	Roasters and Fryers Check-In
	8:00 AM	Rabbits Check-In and Weighing
	9:00 - 9:30 AM	Goats Check-In and Weighing
	9:30 – 10:00 AM	Lambs Check-In and Weighing

- B. All entries except poultry will be weighed at the times designated by show officials. For any re-weigh call, the animals will be held at the scale until the scales have been cleaned and re-balanced. At that time, re-weighing of the animal is allowed. No tampering or attempting to alter the animal's weight is allowed. No halter or lead ropes on any animal except for steers while being weighed is allowed. If on the second weighing the animal does not meet the standards, the animal will be removed from the BRC.
- C. If the exhibitor has tagged in multiple projects in a division and the first animal doesn't meet weight requirements, the exhibitor may weigh-in only one alternate animal. The alternate animal must be present on BRC property and weighed immediately following the first animal. This does not apply to Poultry or Rabbits.
- D. Trailer traffic must allow for two lanes of traffic. Incoming traffic must stay to left side of roadway. Once livestock entries are unloaded, exhibitors shall unload feed and supplies at stall area and park in designated trailer parking area. (Follow "purple line" on traffic flow map). **NO Trailer Parking in main BRC Front Parking Lots. NO TRAILER PARKING IN UNLOAD AREA NEAR SCALE AND DUMPSTER**
- E. Animals must stay within the Fair Area and Main Event Arena once delivered. No animals will be allowed in the Bleachers, Commons Area, and Food Court Areas.
- F. Each Exhibitor will be provided a packet at the show with their projects. Livestock entries will receive their packets at the scale area and Poultry and Rabbit entries will receive their packets on the Main Event Arena Floor. If you do not receive your packet, check with your Division Chairman. There will be a table by the Fair Office to fill out your Project Identification Sign before hanging. Packets will consist of the following:
1. Exhibitor's ID tag (allows exhibitor free entrance into the Fair)
 2. Fair T-Shirt (sizes are per your entry form)
 3. Exhibitor Number (to be worn on back while showing your project, with two safety pins)
 4. Schedule of Events

G. Soon after animals are checked in and weighed, judging sheets with classes and weights will be posted. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check these to ensure all exhibitor information, animal tag, and animal weights are correct. If changes need to be made, they must be turned in to the Livestock office and be approved by the division committee at least 1 hour before that division is scheduled to be judged. No changes will be made after that point.

H. Due to BRC Rules- all shearing/clipping of hooped animals shall be done prior to arrival and weigh-in on day of judging. No shearing/clipping shall be done on BRC property.

9. SIFTING:

A. A judge will sift rabbits and poultry as exhibitors enter the show ring or show area. As the steers, heifers, swine, lambs and goats are weighed, a committee representative may sift the entry based on weight, health problems, or other problems that warrant sufficient action. Sifting may also occur prior to animals being placed.

B. No animals will be placed in pens, stalls, or coops until they are weighed and passed by the Division committee. Sifted animals will be removed from the BRC only after all sifting has taken place in that division.

C. Animals exhibiting the following shall be subject to being sifted: crippled, diseased, injured, showing of live parasite, excessive over finish, excessive under finish, structural unsoundness and defects, wild or unruly animals. Sifters reserve the right to sift any undesirable animals.

D. Minimum standard for livestock and poultry to remain in the show is as follows:

LAMB Low Choice or Higher

GOATS Show Quality

SWINE U.S. Number 1 or 2

POULTRY Grade A Show Quality

STEERS Quality Grade-High Select or Above and Yield Grade 1 or 2

(All steers will be evaluated at the first progress show and recommendations given whether or not to continue feeding the Steer.)

10. HEALTH REGULATIONS:

“Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations Governing Admissions of Livestock to Shows, Fairs, and Exhibitions” will apply. Currently, the Jackson County Youth Fair is exempt from these regulations and subsequently no health certificate is required prior to entry. (Note exception in Beef Cattle Division.)

11. JUDGING:

A. Only division chairmen, division assistants, and designated personnel (assigned by the division Chairman), have the authority to be in the show ring and surrounding area.

B. Only other student exhibitors will be allowed to show an exhibitor’s animal and the person other than the exhibitor must be approved by the division chairperson.

C. The Main Event Arena is limited to exhibitors (and exhibitor’s helpers for poultry and rabbits). All other spectators must utilize the bleachers during the show.

D. Judging will take place as follows at the BRC:

Tuesday, October 6th:

Commercial Heifers 1:30 PM

Wednesday October 7th:

Rabbits 8:00 AM

Roasters 8:00 AM

Fryers 8:30 AM

Goats 1:00 PM

Lambs 3:00 PM

Steers 5:00 PM

Swine 6:30 PM

- E. Any contact of a Judge by an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative at any time prior to actual judging can be grounds for the exhibitor's entry to be disqualified from the fair.
- F. Exhibitors are NOT ALLOWED to have cell phones, ear buds, or any smart devices on their person in the show ring at ANY time during the show. Only medically necessary devices which are approved prior to the show by the Division Chairman will be allowed. If any exhibitor is seen with any of these violations the Judge or Division Chairman will ask you to remove it. Failure to do so will cause your animal project to be removed from the show ring and you and your project will be disqualified.

12. AWARDS:

The following awards will be presented in the livestock and poultry divisions:

Ribbons 1st – 10th place in each class

Grand Champions – Banners and Buckles

Reserve Champions – Banners and Buckles

Showmanship (Sr. & Jr.)-Buckles: Lambs, Goats, Swine, Steers, Rabbits, and Poultry

13. SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. Showmanship is broken into two categories: Jr. = 13yrs. & under and Sr. = 14yrs. & over. Age is determined at the exhibitor's age as of Wednesday's Show Date of the Fair. Progress Shows will follow this guideline as well. Showmanship participants will be chosen by the Division Judge or a separate Showmanship Judge in the steer, swine, lamb, and goat divisions. The Judge will select Sr. and Jr. Showmanship class participants based on the exhibitor's number worn on their back during judging. Exhibitors selected to come back to the show ring for showmanship judging will be announced immediately after each class is judged.
- B. Exhibitors must show their own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition. Only the animal tagged, tattooed, and shown for the JCYF Show can be shown in the Showmanship competition. At the judge's discretion and direction, animals may be exchanged between exhibitors during the competition.

14. CARE OF ANIMALS:

- A. Each exhibitor will be expected to feed, care for, and groom his/her individual entry, and to remove soiled bedding and litter. The exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area clean at all times. Gates around the Fair Area will be locked for animal security and liability reasons. All feed, hay, and supplies needed for the remainder of the week must be brought with you on Wednesday and dropped off after your exhibit is unloaded. Stalls will be available to store these items. Stalls must be shared due to limited availability. Tuesday and Wednesday will be the only time vehicle traffic will be allowed around the Fair Area. Security and Liability reasons limit access of vehicle traffic for the remainder of the Fair week. Carts and /or buggies are available to move feed to and from the stall area. Penalties to exhibitors could be assessed if your stall is not cleaned out by the Sunday after the Fair.
- B. You may park in the front parking lot and walk through the gates next to the concession stands for access to the Fair Area. You must have an exhibitor tag, pass, or a ticket to get through the gates once open for business. **No Exceptions.**
- C. Shavings will be used at the discretion of the Livestock/Division Committee. The initial pen of wood shavings will be provided by the Fair. Any additional shavings needed may be purchased from the MEC during normal business hours. All exhibitors will be responsible for keeping pens clean. Committee Chairman will monitor pens as to if additional wood shavings are required. Carts will be available to haul off waste material to designated areas. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to keep the aisles in between pens clean. Any and all shavings must be flake type. No pelletized or sawdust type shavings are allowed.
- D. Each division committee will provide appropriate ventilation systems for their department. Additional exhibitor owned cooling systems will be allowed at the discretion and approval of the division committee.
- E. All sale animals remain in the care and responsibility of the exhibitor until the close of the fair on Saturday night. Anyone who fails to follow this rule is subject to a \$25.00 fine assessed by that particular Livestock Division Committee.

15. MARKET YOUTH AUCTION:

October 10, 2026

- A. Sales in the Youth Auction will be limited to **190** entries of Youth Livestock and Poultry exhibitors that were determined to be eligible in the judging competition. After all animals are weighed and sifted, the auction committee will calculate the number of entries in each division left in the show. The Steer Division will be guaranteed 15 entries in the sale and each of the other Divisions will be guaranteed 10 entries in the sale. Once weighing and sifting in all Divisions is complete, the following formula will be followed to equalize the distribution of sale items among the divisions exceeding their guaranteed numbers. The total number of entries with less than guarantees for that division + 105 divided by the total number of items over the guarantees in each division equals ENF (equalizing numerical factor). $ENF \times \text{the number of items over the guarantees} + \text{the guaranteed number} = \text{the total number of sale items in each division}$. If a tie should arise, it will be at the auction committee's discretion to break.

- B. Limited Sale Rule: If limited sale rule is put in effect, those exhibits with least desirable quality in each division will not be eligible for sale as determined by the show judge. It may be necessary to do a sale order to determine least desirable animals when there are classes in the division. Exhibitors owning no-sale items will remove them from the BRC by 6:00 p.m. Thursday. Failure to remove no-sale items as specified will forfeit the exhibitor's eligibility in the fair the following year.
- C. The Youth Auction sale order will rotate according to division each year with the last sale division in a preceding year to sell first the following year. The Youth Auction will sell in an ascending placing order. All of the projects that received placing ribbons will sell first in their division except steers which will be broken based off the number of classes. Once those exhibits have sold then the remaining exhibits will sell in the order they placed.
- D. Any exhibitor eligible for the Youth Auction must be present to sell their entry personally except in case of sickness, death, or prior approval (14 days) of the Fair Board. The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in and the exhibitor must submit a written note from their club sponsor/coach. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis. Any exhibitor not at the designated time and place listed on the sale sheet may forfeit eligibility to sell in the Youth Auction.
- E. No breeder or parents will be allowed in the sale ring at all during the auction (except those registered as buyers).
- F. All sales are final. The cardholder will determine the disposition. The Fair Association will accept added money the day of the sale ONLY. All other added money must be paid directly from the buyer to the seller.
- G. Exhibitors are requested not to remain in the Youth Auction area while the Livestock and Poultry Auction are in progress after that exhibitor has sold their item.
- H. All Poultry and Rabbits that sell in the Youth Auction will be processed by the exhibitor and delivered per the buyer's disposition within 1 week after the auction unless other arrangements are approved by the Poultry and Rabbit Committee.
- I. All Livestock and Poultry exhibitors that sell in the Youth Auction are required to handwrite thank you notes for their buyers. **Handwritten thank you notes which are then photo copied will not be accepted.** These must be turned in by **12 noon, October 31, 2026** in an addressed and stamped envelope to the Jackson County Extension Service office. A picture is acceptable as long as a handwritten note is also included. Failure to comply with this rule could result in the exhibitor not being eligible to show at the next year's fair and/or forfeiture of Auction proceedings.
- J. In each market division, no placing animals may sell for more than Reserve Champion of that division, and the Reserve Champion cannot sell for more than the Grand Champion. If during the auction bidding goes over the limit, the sale will be stopped and an announcement made that any additional bidding resulting in amounts over the limit will be transferred to the Jackson County Youth Fair Scholarship Fund. This applies to Add-ons and resale amounts as well.
- K. A sales commission fee of \$100 per entry sold in the youth auction and commercial heifer auction will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale checks.

L. To be eligible for the Youth Auction, an exhibit must enter the show ring and not be sifted by the judge or committee (subject to limited sale rule above).

M. 1099s will be mailed to exhibitors once complete.

16. CLEAN-UP:

Clean up days will be required before and after the Youth Fair. (Dates and times may change upon written notice)

Before the Youth Fair – October 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Texana 4-H
Ganado 4-H
JCYF 4-H
Ganado FFA
Lavaca 4H
LaWard 4H

After the Youth Fair – October 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Edna FFA
Clover 4-H
Industrial FFA
Saddle Club 4-H

- A. All pens must be cleared of all items by the close of the Fair on Saturday night. Pens should only be occupied by the Livestock or Poultry entry with exception to the Steers halters and neck ties. Rabbits should leave the animal with food and water. Steer exhibitors shall pick up their halters and neck ties Sunday by end of clean-up day schedule.
- B. All exhibitors, including no sales and sifts will meet at the respective times and dates to clean the BRC before and after the Fair. If you paid an entry fee and you did not enter or bring your exhibit to the Wednesday Show (Tuesday Show for Heifer's) you are NOT exempt from the clean-up duties. Your presence is Mandatory. Failure to be accounted for in one of these clean-up activities will result in:
1. \$100.00 penalty on sale of animals
 2. Ineligibility to show the following year.
- C. A 4-H or FFA leader from each club is required to verify the participation of their club members. Livestock chairman and Fair Division representatives will be responsible for their area to direct clean up during all of the above dates. A sign in form will be required to be completed to receive credit.

17. YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST:

The Fair Association reserves the right to use any livestock or poultry being exhibited in the Jackson County Youth Fair for the purpose of conducting a Youth Livestock Judging Contest. Division Chairmen will be notified of the animals to be used.

18. UNETHICAL PRACTICES:

The administration of any drug or questionable practice administered to fair livestock by an individual or veterinarian which alters the conformation or disposition of the animal without approval of the Livestock Committee will cause that item to be ineligible for the Youth Fair or Sale. Any protest can be in writing or verbal to be considered by the Livestock Committee. All exhibits should be drug free by the Fairs Wednesday Show/Check-in Date. Drug withdrawal periods should be expired by check-in date for any medication administered. Also, exhibitors will be held liable for any animal condemned or rejected at slaughter. The general livestock committee or any division chairman has the right to remove an exhibitor and/or project when a rule has been found to have been broken.

This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the Youth of Jackson County. Any parent or exhibitor found not to be adhering to any rule pertaining to the JCYF show would ban the entrant from participating in the JCYF show for one year to lifetime. This is at the Jackson County Youth Fair Board's discretion.

A. PROTEST

1. ALL animals may be subject to a drug test after the show.
2. A formal protest must be in writing stating cause of complaint or appeal and signed by the individual making the protest. The protest must be turned in to the Livestock Chairman immediately upon completion of the show.
3. If a protest is made by an individual, and the drug test comes back negative, the person making the protest is responsible for the cost of the drug test. The JCYF will cover the cost of the test if the result comes back positive.
4. Any animal who fails a drug test will be stripped of its placing and dismissed from the fairgrounds. It will NOT BE ABLE TO SELL in the youth auction. The lower placing animals will be moved up to fill the vacated spot.
5. The person that had the animal that came back positive will forfeit their earnings and cannot show the next year. Future eligibility will be up to the Fair Board and may include up to a lifetime ban from the Jackson County Youth Fair.

19. DRESS CODE:

All exhibitors will observe appropriate attire during the show, auctions, awards ceremonies, and progress shows. Only collared shirts, jeans/slacks, and closed toe shoes will be allowed. No caps, hats, t-shirts, pants with holes, cell phones, ear buds, or smart devices allowed. Dress codes will be enforced or face disqualification. Any deviation from this must have prior approval from the Fair Board.

20. **LIVESTOCK PICKUP:**

- A. All livestock and poultry projects shall be removed from the BRC between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM on Sunday after the sale. Rabbits shall be picked up from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Same flow of trailer traffic will be utilized for Sunday's pick up of animals. Poultry, Rabbit, Lamb, and Goat projects will be allowed to park in front parking lot and pack projects from the Livestock Area to the parking lot. Please do not block roadways. There will be no swapping of animals at the fair for Buyers due to health reasons and disposition paperwork.
- B. Failure to pick up livestock, poultry, or rabbit projects during the allotted time or failure of delivery according to buyer's specifications may cause the exhibitor to be ineligible for the Jackson County Youth Fair for one year and/or a \$100.00 fine will be deducted from auction proceeds.

21. **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:**

- A. The Livestock Committee of the Jackson County Youth Fair shall consist of the Superintendent who serves as Livestock Committee Chairman, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, and the Division Chairman of each Livestock Division (steers, swine, lambs, goats, commercial heifers, poultry and rabbits, and auction committee chairman). General Rules are reviewed annually by the Livestock Committee and voted on by the Jackson County Youth Fair Board of Directors.
- B. Each Livestock Division and Auction Committee reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters in regard to the show. They shall also have the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any changes must be approved by the Livestock Committee and voted on by the Jackson County Youth Fair Board of Directors. The Division Committee rule proposals shall be submitted annually to the Livestock Committee for review and approval. All rules (both General and individual Divisions) shall be submitted annually by the Livestock General Committee to the Fair Board for review and approval.
- C. The Committee for each Livestock Division shall decide questions and make rulings on issues and events pertaining to that Division. If the Division Committee is unable or unwilling to make a decision, the matter will be forwarded to the Livestock Committee for disposition. If a matter is submitted to the Livestock Committee the Division Committee relinquishes jurisdiction over the matter. If the Livestock Committee is unable or unwilling to make a decision, they may submit the matter to the Fair Board of Directors for final disposition. If after a decision has been made by a committee, an individual would like to appeal that decision, there will be a \$200 CASH Appeal Fee. The fee shall only be returned if the appeal is granted.

22. **Photographs:** All photographs taken by the Jackson County Youth Fair photographer(s) become property of the Jackson County Youth Fair.

Photography and filming are often conducted at the Jackson County Youth Fair. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Jackson County Youth Fair event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the Jackson County Youth Fair, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the Jackson County Youth Fair, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

- 23. The Fair Board reserves the right to amend these rules as needed due to unforeseen circumstances.**

- 24. The JCYF, its officers, or agents are in no case responsible for the loss of property, injury, or damage to persons or property. The exhibitors shall indemnify the JCYF against any legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damages or injury to any person or property caused by the exhibitor (or any animals exhibited) or arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition.**

RABBITS – DIVISION A

Melody Egg – Chairman (361) 771-5861

Read the General Rules First

DATES:

Registration	Online until April 30, 2026	
Date of Birth	On or after July 25, 2026	
Tattooing	September 2, 2026	5:00-7:00 PM (BRC)
Set up Cages	September 29, 2026	5:30 PM
Set up Arena	October 6, 2026	5:30 PM
Judging	October 7, 2026	8:00 AM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM
Pick up	October 11, 2026	8:00-9:00 AM
Clean up	October 11, 2026	8:30 AM

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Pen will consist of three rabbits all of the same breed and variety. The entry will be eliminated if more than one breed or variety is in the same pen.

2. AGE LIMIT/BREED:

All rabbits need to be at a maximum of 75 days old on the day of judging (see dates above). Breeders should be notified of dates and qualifications. Only Californian or New Zealand White may be shown.

3. WEIGHT LIMIT:

Individual rabbits in meat pens shall weigh a minimum of 3 lbs. 8 oz. to a maximum of 5 lbs. If any single rabbit in a pen weighs more than the maximum, or less than the minimum, the entire pen becomes disqualified. During the weigh-in at the fair, once the first rabbit is weighed, no substitutions may be made.

4. REGISTRATION;

Entries must be registered according to the date above. Failure to follow the requirements will result in failure to participate in the rabbit project.

5. TATTOOING:

The Exhibitor **MUST** own and have in his/her possession the rabbits and their entry must be certified by tattooing at the BRC on the Tattooing Date. A maximum number of 8 rabbits may be tattooed in per exhibitor (16/2 family members, 24/3, etc.). Exhibitors must be present at the time of tattooing. Failure to accompany rabbits to tattooing will result in failure to participate in rabbit project. The only tattoo allowed will be the JCYF tattoo and no bunnies will be tattooed late. The official scale will be available at tattooing for calibration to the exhibitor's personal scale at home.

****If the Exhibitor is involved in a school-related event for tattooing, the Exhibitor will need to provide a letter from the school principal, on school letterhead, to the rabbit chairman prior to that date for an excused absence.*

6. SET UP/CLEAN UP:

Exhibitors will be assigned to either set up or clean up during tattooing and must be present at their designated time and sign in to receive credit. The Setup/Cleanup in this rule is Rabbit Project specific and is in addition to the setup or cleanup required through the exhibitor’s club per General Rules. Official scales will be available for optional weigh-ins at Set Up as well.

7. JUDGING:

Check-in, sifting and judging will be on Judging Day according to date and time above. All Exhibitors must be present in the judging area at that time to get their badges and hear information provided prior to judging. Exhibitors arriving after the designated time will not be provided their badges and therefore forfeit their entry into judging. Suspect bunnies may be check weighed from 7:30-7:55 AM in the arena.

Judging will be based on the ARBA points schedule for meat pens

Meat	40 Points
Flesh & Condition	30 Points
Body & Weight Uniformity	20 Points
Fur	<u>10 Points</u>
Total	100 Points

No parent is allowed in the judging area. Parents may not enter into a discussion with the judge or rabbit committee member during judging. Any parent interference during judging will result in the pen being removed from judging. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

8. SHOWMANSHIP:

There will be two categories: Jr. = 13yrs. & under and Sr. = 14yrs. & over. Age is determined at the exhibitor's age as of Wednesday's Show Date of the Fair. Showmanship participation is voluntary to all rabbit exhibitors.

Break-down and storage of judging pens will begin immediately after the Showmanship event and ALL exhibitors will participate. The committee will release the exhibitors after the judging pens are stored. Those who fail to participate and check-in with the committee will be required to help with the tear down of the show barn on Sunday.

9. EXHIBIT PICKUP

Cages must remain unlocked during the fair. Exhibits must be picked up between 8-9:00 AM the day after the Auction. Failure to comply with this rule could result in the exhibitor not being eligible to show at the next year’s fair and/or a fine up to and including forfeiture of all Auction proceedings.

MARKET POULTRY – DIVISION B

Kevin Davis – Chairman (361) 782-1959

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DATES

Registration	Online until April 30, 2026	
Roaster Pickup	August 7, 2026	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Fryer Pickup	August 28, 2026	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Check-In	October 7, 2026	7:30-8:00 AM (Registered Exhibitor and Animal)
Failure to be in line by 8:00 AM will result in automatic disqualification.		
Judging-Roasters	October 7, 2026	8:00 AM
Judging-Fryers	October 7, 2026	8:30 AM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM
Poultry Pickup	October 11, 2026	7:00-8:00AM

****At the JCYF Check-in: The exhibitor must be in line, with his/her fair exhibit in their possession, and within their check in time slot to be eligible for the show, unless 48-hr prior arrangement has been made with the Committee Chair and the Livestock Superintendent. Failure to be in line by 8:00 AM will result in automatic disqualification.**

- A. All poultry will be sifted and judged at the designated time listed for their division. Only GRADE A SHOW QUALITY will be sold at the Youth Auction; all others will be removed immediately.
- B. All poultry will be wing banded including roasters. All wing bands will be checked as exhibitor enters the judging area. If an exhibitor notices a wing band is missing, they must notify the chairman within 48 hours for re-wing banding. No re-wing banding will be allowed 120 hours before the JCYF show.
- C. An alternate bird will only be allowed during pre-judging.
- D. The following will constitute reason for sifting: lack of flesh, broken wings, crooked keel bone, external parasites, humpback, slips, blisters, and other discrepancies.
- E. All roasters and fryers will be ordered at the same time and from the same hatchery source by the poultry committee. This delivery date will constitute the start of ownership period. All poultry will originate from a Pullorum Typhoid free flock.
- F. Baby chicks will only be exchanged if the bird has a physical defect (this doesn't include size).
- G. Entry (social security number required) must be completed and submitted online accompanied with the number of birds wanted. A \$55.00 non-refundable entry fee and the purchase fee for the birds must be submitted at that time.
- H. Exhibitors MUST order birds at date and time indicated above. The order MUST be accompanied by the price of birds as determined by the Committee on these dates.
- I. Persons who are not Exhibitors or holding poultry for Exhibitors will not be allowed in the show ring. Poultry will only be held by students.

- J. The container used to transport poultry to the fair should be clearly marked with the Exhibitor's name. Immediately after judging of poultry these containers are to be removed from the BRC.
- K. Poultry must be taken care of daily by the exhibitor or their representative. Poultry committee will provide feed for exhibitors and their poultry. No exhibitor feed containers allowed. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine deducted from auction proceeds.
- L. Exhibitor or their representative must REMOVE AND REPLACE expired poultry from the BRC property within 2 hours of notification unless arrangements have been made with the committee chairman. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine to be deducted from exhibitor's auction proceeds. Disposing of expired poultry is NOT allowed on BRC/LNRA property. Expired poultry disposed of on BRC/LNRA property may cause exhibitor to be ineligible for the Jackson County Youth Fair for one year.
- M. A battery powered fan for cooling off poultry is optional. Fair Board and/or committee members are not responsible for stolen or lost items.
- N. There will be two categories for showmanship: Jr. = 13yrs. & under and Sr. = 14yrs. & over. Age is determined at the exhibitor's age as of Wednesday's Show Date of the Fair. Showmanship participation is voluntary to all poultry exhibitors.
- O. An optional clinic will be provided by the Extension Service for poultry exhibitors as noted above. Clinic will be held in the Kitchen at the Jackson County Services Building.
- P. Fryers and Roasters will be ordered at time of Registration.

FRYERS – DIVISION B-1

- A. An entry consists of a pen of three and may consist of pullets, roosters or be mixed.
- B. A minimum of 25 birds must be ordered and additional birds must be ordered in increments of 25.
- C. Fryers will be picked up at Extension Office Kitchen according to date above. Time will be made available to each exhibitor closer to date of Fryer pickup.

MARKET ROASTERS – DIVISION B-2

- A. Roasters will be picked up at Extension Office Kitchen according to date above. Time will be made available to each exhibitor closer to date of Fryer pickup.
- B. Roasters can show either sex and will all be ordered as indicated.
- C. A minimum of 25 roasters must be ordered. Additional roasters must be ordered in increments of 25.

MARKET GOATS – DIVISION C

Rick Boone – Chairman (979) 541-9555

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DATES

Registration Ends	June 4, 2026	11:59 PM
Tag-In	June 6, 2026	9:30 – 10:00 AM
Progress Show 1	June 6, 2026	Directly after Tag-In
Progress Show 2	July 25, 2026	8:00 AM
Scales Open	September 23, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM by appointment
Weigh-In	October 7, 2026	9:00 – 9:30 AM
Judging	October 7, 2026	1:00 PM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM

- A. All goats must be bona fide property of the exhibitor, and ear tagged by the deadline of tag-in date above. Breeder/Scrapie tags will be allowed, but will be completely taped over and concealed on the JCYF judging day. Goat exhibitors desiring to participate in the progress shows must have their goats tagged prior to the tag-in deadline. If a tag comes out or is lost, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to contact their chairman within 24 hours to get the animal re-tagged.
- B. Any breed or crossbreed goat (does or wethers) will be eligible. Male goats must be wethered by tag-in. Any female goat showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge and/or Goat Committee.
- C. There will be two goat progress shows during the feeding period (see dates above). An exhibitor **MUST** weigh-in and show his/her goat in **ONE** of the progress shows to be eligible to show their goat at the fair (added this wording to be the same as what's in the steer rules). Progress Show 1 will start immediately following tag-in and be held in conjunction with the Lamb Progress Show. Progress Show 2 will start at 8:00 AM and will be held in conjunction with the Lamb and Progress Show. All Progress Shows will be held at the BRC. In the event that an exhibitor cannot attend either progress show, the exhibitor may, upon prior committee approval, participate in a Jackpot Show. Proof of participation must be provided to the committee.
- D. All goats must weigh at least **60** pounds and **not more than 135** pounds on day of JCYF judging.
- E. On the day of the JCYF Show, all goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up with the exception of the tail switch and head. Hair must not be longer than 3/8 of an inch. For Progress Shows, Goats should be washed, cleaned, and show presentable.
- F. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any goat that has been implanted will be disqualified.
- G. Goats must be dehorned or tipped by weigh-in on the day of judging (including progress shows). Horns must be blunt- **not pointed**. No tipping or dehorning will be allowed on the fairgrounds. If not tipped by date of judging, the goat will be disqualified.
- H. No artificial paints, powders, or coloring may be used on the goat (other than products designed for show goats).

- I. Goats will be shown with a show chain or show halter. Rope halters are not permitted. The use of any chain that has “spikes” or any chain that has been altered to have points of any type will not be allowed. This includes the Progress and County Shows.
- J. Bracing of the goats will be allowed.
- K. Drenching will be allowed with approved substances.
- L. The Exhibitor who owns the goat must show the goat. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the Exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the Exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
- M. Market Goats will be divided into no more than three classes after all entries have been weighed as pre-determined by the Livestock Committee after registration. Following the heavyweight class show there may be up to a 10 min. intermission before the Grand and Reserve Champion selection.
- N. Goats chosen for the final drive will be penned in the 6-final drive pens provided by the JCYF, which are attached to the show ring. No more than two persons will be allowed to enter the area during the allotted intermission (up to 10 minutes) before the final drive.
Example: Family, Jockey or Breeder (No more than 2)

MARKET LAMBS – DIVISION D

Toby Ressman – Chairman (361) 648-1229

Kendall Andel- Assistant Chairman (361) 235-9320

DATES

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Registration Ends	June 4, 2026	11:59 PM
Tag-In	June 6, 2026	9:00-9:30 AM
Progress Show 1	June 6, 2026	Directly following Tag-In
Progress Show 2	July 25, 2026	Directly following Goats not prior to 8:30 AM
Scales Open	September 23, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM by appointment
Weigh-In	October 7, 2026	9:30 – 10:00 AM
Judging	October 7, 2026	3:00 PM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM

- A. All lambs must be bona fide property of the exhibitor, and ear tagged, by the deadline of the tag-in date. Breeder tags will be allowed, but will be completely taped over and concealed on the JCYF judging day. Online Registration must be completed and submitted, accompanied with a \$55.00 non-refundable entry fee by the date of tagging. If an ear tag is lost after the tag-in date, the Lamb Chairman must be notified within 24 hours. The committee will re-tag the lamb if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.
- B. Ewe and wether lambs will be eligible.
- C. All lambs must weigh at least 85 pounds on day of JCYF judging.
- D. Market Lambs will be divided into no more than three classes after all entries have been weighed as pre-determined by the Livestock Committee after registration. As each class is judged, the 1st and 2nd place winner will be penned in the 6-final drive pens provided by the JCYF, which are attached to the show ring. Following the heavyweight class show, there may be up to a 10-minute intermission before the Grand and Reserve Champion selection. During this time, each exhibitor is allowed up to two adults at a time to the holding pens. The first placed lambs of the classes will compete for Grand Champion Lamb. After the Grand Champion Lamb is selected, the second placed Lamb of the class that furnished the Grand Champion Lamb will compete with the other first placed lambs for Reserve Champion.
- E. Exhibitors at the Progress show will show in the class (Jr/Sr) they will be in at the fair.
- F. There will be two lamb progress shows during the feeding period (see dates above). An exhibitor **MUST** weigh-in and show his/her lamb in **ONE** of the progress shows to be eligible to show their lamb at the fair. Progress Show 1 will start immediately following tag-in and be held in conjunction with the Goat Progress Show. Progress Show 2 will start immediately following the Goat Progress show not to be earlier than 8:30 AM and will be held in conjunction with the Goat Progress Show. All Progress Shows will be held at the BRC. In the event that an exhibitor cannot attend either progress show, the exhibitor may, upon prior committee approval, participate in a Jackpot Show. Proof of participation must be provided to the committee.
- G. All lamb exhibitors will be required to have their lambs shorn, washed, and clean before progress shows. Lambs with over 1” wool will not be allowed to participate. Dress code is also in effect for progress shows (See General Rules).

H. All lamb exhibitors will be required to have their lambs clean shorn not more than seven (7) days before the County Fair Show date. Lambs with over ¼” wool will be sifted.

MARKET STEERS – DIVISION E

Sam Hoerster – Chairman (361) 235-9599

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DATES

Registration Ends	April 4, 2026	11:59 PM
Tag-In	April 6, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM
Progress Show 1	June 1, 2026	6:00 PM Weigh-In 6:15 PM Show
Progress Show 2	August 3, 2026	6:00 PM Weigh-In 6:15 PM Show
Scales Open	September 23, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM by appointment
Box Drop Off/Unloading	October 5, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM
Weigh-In	October 6, 2026	10:00-10:30 AM
Judging	October 7, 2026	5:00 PM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM

1. CLASSES:

Steers will be divided into classes after weigh-in on date of judging based on number of entries.

Class breaks will be as follows:

5 head or less	1 class
6 to 9 head	2 classes = (Light, Heavy)
10+ head	3 classes = (Light, Medium, Heavy)

2. CERTIFICATION AND WEIGH-IN:

- A. Initial weigh-in, tagging, and entry certification for market steers will be at the BRC at the time and date indicated above. If an ear tag is lost after the tag-in date, the Steer Chairman must be notified within 24 hours.
- B. It is recommended that steers weigh a minimum of 500 LBS at the tag-in date. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 LBS at weigh-in on the day of judging, or will be disqualified.
- C. The Official weigh-in will be at the date and time above.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND FEEDING REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All steer exhibitors must **OWN** their steer by Tag-in.
- B. Steers must be weaned at the initial weigh-in

4. PROGRESS SHOWS

- A. There will be TWO (2) STEER PROGRESS SHOWS during the feeding period. Progress Show dates and times are listed above and will be held at the BRC.
- B. Exhibitors must weigh-in and show their steer in at least one of the progress shows to be eligible to show their steer at the fair.

- C. If a single exhibitor tags in more than one steer, they must show at least one of the steers in each of the two progress shows to be eligible to show at the Fair. In the event an exhibitor cannot attend either progress show, the exhibitor may, upon prior committee approval, participate in a Jackpot Show. Proof of participation must be provided to the committee.
- D. The weight gain contest WILL NOT be divided into divisions.
- E. Prize money for the weight gain and showmanship contests are sponsored by the Jackson County Cattle Raisers Association. Winners of each showmanship division (Sr. and Jr.) will receive \$50 (1st place), \$40 (2nd Place), and \$30 (3rd Place).
- F. Any steer that gets loose from an exhibitor more than two times at a progress show or any steer that is determined by the progress show judge to be an unruly animal will be excused from the show ring.
- G. All steers must be halter-broken. Steers must be exhibited with a show halter AT ONE OF THE PROGRESS SHOWS.

5. DURING THE FAIR

- A. Show boxes can be brought in on the Monday before the Tuesday Weigh in or can be brought in at the time of the weigh in. Show boxes are allowed on the outside of the fence where steers are tied. Keep boxes as close to fence as possible to keep driveway clear. Please secure and mark your property.
- B. Steers will be slick sheared at time of weigh-in on day of judging. No hair growth over ¼ inches will be permitted. This requirement includes trimming of the ear hair. Trimming height for a steer's "switch" will be approximately 12-inches from the base of the tail.
- C. No horn growth over ½ inches will be permitted.
- D. If there are more than 15 steer entries, the Judge will determine which animal(s) will not be allowed to sell at the JCYF Auction.
- E. Following the heavyweight class show there may be up to a 10 min. intermission before the Grand and Reserve Champion selection.
- F. Neckties are to be used on steers when exhibitors leave for the night.
- G. Each exhibitor will be expected to feed, care for, and groom their individual entry and remove soiled bedding and litter.
- H. Steers will sell in the Youth Auction according to the order {refer to the General Rules} determined by the Auction Committee.
- I. All exhibitors have until 12:00 PM the day after the auction, to have their stall area clean. Anyone who fails to follow this rule is subject to a \$25 fine.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER – DIVISION F

Chairman – James Larkin (361) 782-1566

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DATES

Date of Birth	November 6, 2024 – October 6, 2025	
Registration Ends	May 28, 2026	11:59 PM
Tag-In	May 30, 2026	8:00-9:00 AM
Pregnancy Test	September 9, 2026-September 23, 2026	
Questionnaire Session 1	September 27, 2026	6:30-7:00 PM
Questionnaire Session 2	September 29, 2026	6:30-7:00 PM
Check-In	October 6, 2026	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Judging Date	October 6, 2026	1:30 PM
Awards Ceremony	October 7, 2026	12 Noon
Auction Date	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM

- A. The purpose of the Commercial Heifer show is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, breeding, and marketing of commercial beef cattle heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired that represent commercial cowherds found in Jackson County.
- B. Heifers must be 12-23 months old AT FAIR TIME (see date of birth above). Pregnancy status will be determined at the time of palpation. Any animals not meeting the age and/or pregnancy criteria listed in Item C below will be disqualified.
- C. Heifers must be palpated or ultrasound between the dates above stating open or number of months bred by the licensed veterinarian (DVM) of exhibitor's choice and at exhibitor's expense. The palpation form shall be completed and signed by the veterinarian. **The completed form is to be turned in at the time of the questions test.**
- D. Once a heifer has calved, whether premature or full-term, still born or aborted, she is no longer eligible for show. This rule applies from tag-in through end of judging. If a heifer calves post-judging and prior to sale, the Commercial Heifer Committee will, at their sole discretion, determine actions to be taken to ensure well-being of the livestock.
- E. All exhibitors are **encouraged** to attend tag-in, but all exhibitors placing in the top 24 pens **must** attend the awards ceremony. A sign in sheet will be kept at each event. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the fair and sale.
- F. Two or three heifers constitute a pen entry however, only two heifers are eligible for the show.
- G. Heifers must be dehorned at least one week prior to the first tag-in. This includes any loose horns or scurs. If horns of any type are detected after the first tag-in, exhibitors must contact a committee member within 14 days as to what action to take.

- H. Heifers must be reasonably gentle when brought to the show. No wild or unruly animals will be accepted. (If it becomes necessary, to remove one heifer from a pen, this would disqualify the entire pen.) Removal will be done at the committee's discretion.
- I. All heifers will be ear tagged at BRC Main Event Center on the Tag-In date and time noted above and cannot be added or switched after that date. Heifers can only display the official JCYF ear tag. No other ear tags of any type are allowed. If the official JCYF ear tag is accidentally lost or torn out, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify a Commercial Heifer Committee member as soon as discovered. A committee member will then retag the heifer if no tampering or unethical practices have been exercised. Exhibitors **MUST** bring a completed breeder verification form showing the heifers' month and year of birth to the Tag-In. (Form is online on the Jackson County Youth Fair website)
<http://jcyf.org>
- J. A MANDATORY Questionnaire Session will be conducted according to the date and time above at the Edna Livestock Auction. This questionnaire counts for up to 10 points of the exhibitor's total score. Failure to attend one of these two sessions will result in disqualification from show & sale. Exhibitors should be prepared to provide ear tag numbers for the two heifers they will enter into the show at this time, if known. This is to aid in development of judges' scorecards prior to judging. In addition, exhibitors must turn in completed palpation forms at this time.
- K. Test questions will come from both the "General Rules" and "Commercial Heifer" sections of JCYF Rules document. Sample questions can be found on the JCYF website. Answers to test questions are based on the TOTAL NUMBER OF HEIFERS TAGGED IN. For example, if an exhibitor tags in three or more heifers, he or she must provide pregnancy status for ALL heifers if asked on the test, not just the two to be entered into the show.
- L. All exhibitors must complete the Commercial Heifer Record Book. Completed Record Books can be turned in to a Committee member on Tuesday while unloading heifers, but must be turned in before the Awards Ceremony begins. There will be no judging of the record books, but failure to turn in completed record books will disqualify the pen from the heifer show and ban the exhibitor from participating in the Commercial Heifer Show for the following year.
- M. Uniform pasture charges will be valued at the rate of \$15 per head per month for figuring the record costs in the program.
- N. Heifers will be unloaded and judged at the BRC at the date and time noted above. Due to space availability at the fair, only the top 24 pens will be allowed at the fair and will be able to sell. Exhibitors placing below 24th will be notified after judging Tuesday afternoon and will be **REQUIRED** to remove heifers within **TWO** hours of notification. Failure to adhere to this two-hour removal requirement could result in exhibitor disqualification for future shows.

O. Heifers are judged as a set, or pen, and awarded points based on the below scoring system (maximum of 310 points)

- Judging – 300 pts max (3 judges @ 100 pts each)
 1. Overall quality (confirmation, condition, structural soundness, etc.)25 pts
 2. Pregnancy status for age..... 25 pts
 3. Frame size for age.....15 pts
 4. Area adaptability.....15 pts
 5. Uniformity.....15 pts
 6. Temperament.....5 pts
- Written Exam/Test – 10 pts max

P. Each exhibitor is required to feed, care for, and groom his/her individual entry, and to remove soiled bedding litter. The exhibitors are responsible for keeping the aisle in their division area clean at all times.

Q. If an exhibitor has tagged in three heifers, and one of the two heifers judged, becomes physically impaired between the time of the judging and the time of the sale, the exhibitor may be allowed to substitute the 3rd heifer for the sale. The determination of physical impairment and substitution of 3rd heifer is solely at the discretion of the Commercial Heifer Committee.

R. Heifers will be sold starting with places 3-10, then grand and reserve, and then proceed with places 11-24.

S. All heifers **MUST SELL** on date of auction in the Commercial Heifer Sale. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE SALE.** There will be a Sale Commission Fee of \$100.00 per entry and will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check as per "General Rules" section of Livestock Rules.

T. All heifers will be released on day after the auction along with the other projects as indicated in the General Rules. The exhibitor is responsible for delivery of the sold heifers to his/her buyer.

U. All heifers entered in the fair and sold REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE EXHIBITOR UNTIL LEAVING THE BRC.

MARKET SWINE – DIVISION G

Chairman-Kurt Janica (361) 771-6211

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DATES

Registration Ends	June 4, 2026	11:59 PM
Tag-In	June 6, 2026	7:30 – 9:00 AM
Scales Open	September 23, 2026	6:00-7:00 PM by appointment
Weigh-In	October 7, 2026	7:30 – 8:30 AM
Judging	October 7, 2026	6:30 PM
Auction	October 10, 2026	1:00 PM

- A. Swine will be divided into no more than three classes as pre-determined by the Livestock Committee after all entries have been weighed.
- B. All market swine must weigh at least 230 pounds and not more than 290 pounds (+ or – scale variance listed in General Rules) and must be grade U.S. Number 1 or 2. During weigh-in, first weight that makes weight will be penned. If first swine doesn't meet weight requirements it can be re-weighed once. If first swine doesn't make weight a second spare swine (must be present on the same trailer) may immediately be weighed following the same process. If spare swine doesn't meet weight it shall be considered sifted and removed from BRC grounds. Swine will be weighed-in as indicated above at the BRC. After Weigh-In, exhibitor or representative with assistance from committee members, shall walk swine to pen determined by committee. AFTER ALL swine have been weighed and penned you may feed and water your swine, however, all animals are subject to be moved following weight class determination. No permanent feed or watering devices until after weight class determination.
- C. **No swine will be tagged after the designated tag date.** The tag-in date will verify ownership and entry to the fair.
- D. Gilts or Barrows may be shown in the market swine division.
- E. At show time when each swine class begins there can be only one parent/individual with the exhibitor assisting them in their pen. The only individuals that will be allowed in the alleyway to the show ring will be the exhibitors, their hogs, and Swine Committee Members. Alleyways shall be clear of all exhibitor supplies during show (i.e...buckets, sprayers, chairs, etc). No assistance from parents, breeders, or any other individuals will be allowed once the animal leaves its pen. Parents or individuals assisting exhibitors must remain in the pen until the hog and exhibitor have left the alleyway section of its class. At that time, they will need to exit the west end of the alleyway (by Steers) unless they are going to another exhibitor's pen to assist them. No exceptions. Failure to comply may result in exhibitor disqualification.

- F. Exhibitor may use a show stick; device must be a total overall length of 36” or less (including handle) and must have a straight, blunt tip. No pointed tips allowed. Standard show sticks with slappers or whip ends are allowed. No food, water, or spray water may be administered to the swine by the Exhibitor or by anyone else once judging begins; **judging begins once swine leaves their pen in route to show ring**. The exhibitor may not receive any assistance of any kind from outside of the show arena during the judging. Designated personnel assigned by division chairmen will help exhibitors in holding pens.
- G. Hogs must be bona fide property of the exhibitor, placed on feed and tagged with a JCYF ear tag according to the tag-in date above. If a tag comes out, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to contact the swine chairman within 24 hours of loss. The chairman will re-tag the swine if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised. If the tag should need to be cut out, **ONLY** the Swine Chairman, Co-Chairman or licensed Veterinarian may cut the tag out. If for a medical reason a Vet must cut tag out, the Swine Chairman must be notified immediately. Removal of an ear tag by an exhibitor or anyone else is reason for disqualification of exhibitor(s) and all animals tagged under that exhibitor(s) name. Entry shall be done online prior to date listed in “Entry Applications, Fees” in General Rules Section. Exhibitor needs to state what club they are entering animal at the time of tag-in.
- H. Livestock trailers must be used in transporting swine for tag-in, weigh-in and check-in to the show. No cages or crates will be allowed. There needs to be easy access to tag animal. A cage or crate carried on or attached to a trailer is not allowed.
- I. No overfeeding after judging is complete. Maintain same feeding schedule until Fair is over. Exhibitor needs to try to exercise animal at least 10 minutes a day for the duration of the Fair. Exhibitors will hand water on Wednesday prior to judging. Portable waterers used on Wednesday will be removed from pens after the judging contest. Watering system will be turned on after the judging contest.
- J. There will be NO clipping or sheering of swine on the grounds of the BRC.
- K. Following the class judging, swine will return to their pen. Upon completion of all weight classes, there will be a 10-minute intermission. After intermission, 1st place in each class will be penned in three holding entrance pens. 2nd place shall be in holding pen directly behind. When 1st place is released, 2nd place will be penned in holding area awaiting judge to release one pig. **Failure to get swine to holding pen for final drive will forfeit exhibitor’s chance at Grand or Reserve Champion.**

AG MECHANICS DIVISION

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Read the General Rules First

DATES

Registration Ends	September 18, 2026	11:59PM
Check-In	October 6, 2026	5 – 6:30 PM
Judging	October 7, 2026	9:00 AM – 1:00PM
Awards Ceremony	October 7, 2026	2:45 PM
Check out	October 11, 2026	By 9:00 AM

The purpose of this division is to encourage construction of projects for home/farm use, and display to the general public, through exhibits, some of the values of Agriculture Mechanics.

- A. At the time of check-in, each exhibitor will be required to pay a \$25.00 entry fee per project within the JCYF. Projects can be auctioned off in either the silent or live auction, depending on their awarded placing. Items will be charged a \$25 flat Commission Fee. Live auction will only pertain to the Grand and Reserve Champion projects and all other projects will be sold through the silent auction. The auctioning of the projects is optional to the exhibitor, not required.
- B. Each exhibitor must complete a W-9 with their social security number. In the event the total add-ons exceed \$600.00, then a 1099-misc form must be submitted to the IRS. If a completed W-9 is not received, then the exhibitor will not be able to sell their project.
- C. All entries are required to be checked in at the designated time and location established for the Ag Mechanics division. Entry forms for each project, W-9's, and any other paperwork needed by the JCYF will be filled out at the time of check-in, if they have not been previously completed.
- D. Entries will be divided into 3 classes and placed accordingly. There will be an Overall Ag Mechanics Grand and Reserve Champion selected.
 - i. Class 1 – Wood
 - ii. Class 2 – Pits and Fire Rings
 - iii. Class 3 – All Other Metal
- E. A project may be exhibited only one time at the JCYF and must have been constructed within one year of the exhibition date.
- F. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used. All projects must be completed and dry when they are checked in.
- G. All projects are to have been constructed by student(s) at a school or home facility. FFA projects must be supervised by the Agricultural Science Teacher. 4H projects must be constructed at home and supervised by the county Extension Agent.
- H. All projects are required to be checked in according to above and to be removed by Check out time.

- I. Before unloading or unhooking, the exhibitor must check with a JCYF board member as to where the project will be displayed.
- J. Exhibitors must be present during judging (to answer questions from judge(s)) and awards ceremony, unless prior arrangements have been discussed and approved through a JCYF board member.
- K. Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury. Heavy BBQ pit lids or doors must be secured open to prevent possible injury.
- L. Group projects may be constructed and entered as a group project consisting of 2-6 group members.
- M. Individual entries may be exhibited provided the individual did the majority of the work on the project. (all phases)
- N. An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction, and a bill of materials are required with each project and must be properly displayed.
- O. At check-in, the exhibitor must place a sign on the project stating their intent of placing the project into the silent auction.
- P. All projects are to be identified with standard exhibitor cards. Any additional signs, banners, etc. must be approved by the Committee Chairmen. The project (entry) number must be displayed on the project in a manner where it can be easily seen.
- Q. Exhibitors and judges will be the only ones in the show area during the judging process.
- R. If at any time the project becomes unsafe, the JCYF board members will decide if removal is necessary, or what action should be taken to ensure safety.
- S. If assistance is required to unload your project, due to size and/or weight, then prior notification will need to be made so that the JCYF can plan accordingly to provide the proper equipment. The JCYF will not be held responsible for any damage that might occur during the unloading process.
- T. All Exhibitors that sell their projects through the JCYF Auction are required to write Thank You Notes as per the JCYF General Rules. **Handwritten thank you notes which are then photo copied will not be accepted.**
- U. Only collared shirts, jeans/slacks, and closed toe shoes will be allowed. No caps, hats, t-shirts, pants with holes, cell phones, earbuds, or smart devices allowed. Dress codes will be enforced or face disqualification. Any deviation from this must have prior approval from the Fair Board. (During judging, awards, and auction)