

**2010 Fort Bend County Fair
Livestock General Rules & Regulations**

1. Exhibitors, entries and awards must comply with general the Fort Bend County Fair General Rules & Regulations and the following specific rules. Interpretations and applications will be made by the Livestock Department Chairman, the Fair Manager, and/or the Livestock Department Committee. **OFFICIAL RULES ON FILE IN FAIR OFFICE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER RULES IN THE CATALOG.**
2. **All entrants in the Livestock Department Auction Classes MUST BE A RESIDENT OF FORT BEND COUNTY or ZONED TO A SCHOOL in Fort Bend County and not show a market animal in any other County Fair.** All animals must remain in Fort Bend County, unless permission is granted by Livestock Superintendent or Fair Manager. Request must be made in writing.
3. The exhibitor must be a member of a Fort Bend County FFA Chapter or a Fort Bend County 4-H Club and be under the supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or County 4-H Leader. The exhibitor has until September 1st of the current year fair to designate chapter or club affiliation. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO SHOW IN MARKET CLASS.**
4. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE OWNED BY EXHIBITOR.** All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project, under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments. All projects will be subject to inspection by the Livestock Committee Chairman and the Livestock Superintendent at any time during the duration of the project. All exhibitors must comply with the general rules and regulations of the Livestock Department and the Fort Bend County Fair Association.
5. Any Exhibitor, parent or guardian of exhibitor, agriculture science teacher, 4-H leader or county agent who knowingly violates or condones the violation of any rule or rules shall be subject to immediate discipline and possible removal from the show.
6. **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST, IF REQUIRED, FURNISH LIVESTOCK FOR THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST.**
7. Staying overnight on the Fairgrounds is not allowed, except with special written permission from the Livestock Superintendent and Fair Manager.
8. Livestock applications for entry must be completed at time of tag-in, tattooing, or at time poultry is ordered. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per auction class.
*Reference to Rule 1 – Agriculture Science Teachers or 4-H Leaders plus Exhibitor and parent or guardian must sign entry sheet before submitting to Fair Office. Total entry fee will be charged and must be included with entry application.
9. **NO HEALTH CERTIFICATES REQUIRED.** According to Texas Animal Health Commission publication 91-35 dated February 25, 1991, rule 5.D.2., livestock and poultry originating in Texas and entering all other shows, fairs, exhibitions (i.e. county and local shows) are exempt from entry permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements, except poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free from pullorum disease and fowl typhoid or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days before exhibition. All Breeding Beef must be and show proof of calf hood Brucellosis Vaccination. All Doe Goats and Ewe Lambs must have a scrapie tag in place at validation.

10. SIFTING. Any animal or bird that does not meet show health and market standards will be rejected and must be removed from the show. Livestock and Poultry must be clean and near final grooming stage at check-in time. Poultry and rabbits are sifted as they are checked in. Other livestock can be sifted at check in and before judging.
11. No animal of any kind will leave the Fairground Livestock Area from check-in until checkout unless required by Livestock Department and FBCFA. Stock and Poultry releases must be signed by the Division chairman and Stock Release Chairman before removal from the Fairgrounds. **Exhibitors making the Jr. Livestock Auction and the Freezer Sale must appear at checkout on Sunday, October 3, 2010. Check out for all livestock and poultry making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area and receive their disposition papers .**
12. STALLING AND CARING FOR EXHIBITS: Division Chairmen assign stall/open space and exhibit must remain in the assigned area. Exhibitors will bed, feed, keep exhibit clean and care for livestock throughout the Fair.
13. SHOWING AND SELLING: Failure to appear in the arena to show or sell as number is called automatically eliminates participant. Exception may be made if a substitute showman is approved by the Department Chairman. Approval must be made and substitute exhibitor must have a note signed by Department Chairman on any substitution other than scholastic ineligibility.
14. GRADE INELIGIBILITY: While the Texas Education Agency interpretation on extracurricular activities (as distributed May 2, 1985 and detailed under Update Number 2 example 1 and explanation 6 on page 240) remains in tact, the following rule must be in effect for the Fort Bend County Fair. A Scholastically Ineligible Student planning to show livestock and/or poultry in the Fort Bend County Fair may request from the Livestock Committee that a substitute exhibitor be allowed to show their animal. The request will be considered by the Livestock Committee only if the Agriculture Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, 4-H Leader, or parent presents a document from the appropriate school. The document must state that the owner of the animal in question has not met the minimum scholastic requirements for participation in Extracurricular Activities and will not be able to show. It must be prepared and signed by an individual in the school authorized to make such a statement (principal, superintendent, assistant principal, etc.) The Department Chairman may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If allowed, the substitute showman must be enrolled in the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor. The substitute must meet all requirements of a Junior Show Exhibitor including the scholastic eligibility requirement.
15. There will be no resale of items during the Fair Auction Sale, nor any individual sales to persons while in attendance at the sale. All "FOR SALE" signs are prohibited throughout the Livestock Department.
16. JUDGING: Judges will award the place or ribbon that the exhibit merits.
17. Jr. Livestock Auction sale should not exceed 188 designated lots unless approved by the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Fair. This should include 27 steers, 20 lambs, 36 barrows or open gilts, 23 pens of 3 broilers, 15 turkeys, 27 roasters, 20 pens of meat pen of 3 rabbits, and 20 goats.
- 17a. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) market animals in the Jr. Livestock Auction. If an exhibitor qualifies more than two animals, his or her choice of two (2) items must be finalized within one (1)

hour after the last auction class is judged. Exhibitor's decision will be final. Exhibitor not making decision within time limit will forfeit decision to Livestock Committee.

- 17b. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions must sell. This will include the Commercial Heifer classes and the Jr. Livestock Auction Classes. Therefore, if an exhibitor has more than two Grand or Reserve Champions, that exhibitor will be allowed to sell all of them. In such a case, rule #17b will supersede rule #17a. In the Commercial Heifer classes, the same will apply. If an exhibitor is Grand or Reserve Champion in both Halter and Pen of Two, that exhibitor will be allowed to sell both, and this rule will supersede rule #6 of the Commercial Heifer rules in Section #8.
18. Showmanship Judge will consider all contestants that have entries in each class. Exhibitors will be divided into three classes for the purpose of Showmanship judging in the divisions of swine, lambs, goats and steers. Juniors (3rd - 6th grade), Intermediate(7th - 9th grade) and Seniors (10th -12th grade). Exhibitors will be divided into two classes for the purpose of showmanship judging in the division of Commercial Halter Heifers- Junior (3rd -8th Grade) and Senior (9th – 12th Grade.) Exhibitors will not be divided into separate classes for the purpose of showmanship judging in the division of Scramble Heifers. Substitute showmen are not eligible for Showmanship Contest. Finalists will be selected by the tag number on the animal they are exhibitin
19. The Fair Association will do all purchase billing and collection on all auction items, and then Pay sellers (at the Association's discretion). A 6% sale fee will be deducted from the seller's check. Also deducted will be beef and swine check-off fees. **All sellers must submit a "Thank You" letter to his/her buyer, which must be received at the Fair Office (within two week after the end of the Fair) before auction payment will be released for mailing. The Fair Office will forward the "Thank You" letter to the Buyer.** Poultry and rabbits that make the auction and must be processed, will be custom processed by the Exhibitor.
20. An exhibitor could show here, but decide not to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction . If shown, but not sold, each lower place animal in the sale order from that division would be moved up. Sellers who ask for their animals back will be barred from future shows here at Fort Bend County Fair. A seller whose representative asks for an animal back would be barred from future shows here at Fort Bend County Fair, also. Exhibitors must also comply with Rule 17, 17a, and 17b.
21. Evidence of sharp practice to improve conformation or appearance of animals is strictly prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.
22. Only scales approved by Livestock Committee will be allowed on grounds.
23. All auction steers, swine, goats, and lambs will be hauled by a hauler contracted by the Livestock Committee of the FBCFA. Fort Bend County Fair is responsible for hauling only these auction animals. Hauling fee to be deducted from exhibitor's check. Fort Bend County Fair and the Livestock Committee will provide for hauling of auction steers, swine, goats, and lambs to facilities designated by the Fort Bend County Fair Board.
24. If after slaughter, any animal has been found to be tampered with or altered, the exhibitor will not receive any auction sale money. Also the exhibitor may be barred forever from showing at the Fort Bend County Fair.

25. **Attention:** Use of Drugs -the Fort Bend County Fair reserves the right to have blood, urine or or feces laboratorial analysis made on an animal/poultry entered for competition. The use of non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the label approved by the FDA is a violation of the federal law. An exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and or guardian agree; (1) they are completely the responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals (2) the Fort Bend County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug. (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/and or guardian. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Fort Bend County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor (4) an exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis with quantity of diuretic or any unapproved medication must forfeit all monies derived from the Junior Livestock Auction sale.
26. If any animal requires emergency treatment while on Show Grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical, or feed additives. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the Official Show Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. If an animal is treated by a licensed veterinarian while at the Show, and the medication administered exceeds 15 days' withdrawal time, the animal(s) will be disqualified and not allowed to be shown. All disqualified animals MUST be immediately removed from the show grounds by the exhibitor. Should a placing animal(s) receive treatment requiring a 15 day or less withdrawal period, the Fort Bend County Fair will feed the animal for the duration of the withdrawal period with a charge to the exhibitor for the feed. The Fort Bend County Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor or any immediate family member of an exhibitor of an animal producing a sample having a quantity of diuretic or un-approved medication of any kind may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fort Bend County Fair.
27. Exhibitors placing 3rd - 10th will receive a place ribbon. All other lower placing exhibitors will receive a participant ribbon.
28. Electrical equipment and cords will be used with caution and must comply with, and be used in equipment or the overloading of circuits will not be allowed.
29. All exhibitors are required to have a current liability release on file at the Fair Office in order to show on Fairgrounds.
30. All donated auction steers, lambs, goats, and swine will be resold and proceeds sent to recipient. If buyer or recipient wants other disposition they must notify Fair Office by 2:00 p.m. Saturday after the auction.
31. Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as "immediate family living in the same household." (i.e. brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters.) *This does not include cousins, nieces or nephews.* This rule applies to Commercial Heifers, Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry. All exhibitors must fill out an entry form when the

animal or animals are tagged or when poultry is ordered. These exhibitors must declare their exhibit tag number at “official check-in.” For Swine, Goats, Lambs, and Steers, a limit of two (2) animals per exhibitor may be tagged in.

32. No animals are to be fed, tied, or let loose in show arena after arena committee has prepared arena for an event. Animals may not be exercised in show arena.
33. Any animal remaining at the fairgrounds beyond 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 3, 2010 becomes the property of the Fort Bend County Fair Association.
34. Animals can no longer be decorated during the sale except for what the fair provides to the exhibitor (banners, trophies, etc.). ONLY exhibitor is allowed on the sale floor. A helper is only allowed to hold banners & trophies, if needed. No helper is allowed on the sale floor to hold gifts for the potential buyer.
35. For selection of the sale order in the Livestock division, the division judge will place the sale order and alternates in the Roasters, Broilers, Turkeys and Rabbits divisions. In the Steers, Swine, Goats, and Lambs, the division judge will place the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion after which he will place all remaining class champions (first place animal from each class). The order in which the remaining first place animals are placed will determine the sale order rotation for that division or that breed within a division. This rotation will be followed until all sale placings and alternates are filled. If the Grand and Reserve Champions both come from the same class then the third place animal in that class will be placed immediately after all of the other first place animals and before the remaining second place in each class. If the fraction of percentage animal from two or more classes making the auction is tied in any division, the last selling animal(s) shall go to the order of classes drawn to sell and/or show first.
36. For the Steer, Swine, Goats, and Lamb divisions of the Fort Bend County Fair, all exhibits placing in the Jr. Livestock Auction must either be sent to a packing house or sold at an auction approved by the Fair.
37. All animals must remain in Fort Bend County unless written notification is received at the Fort Bend County Fair Office prior to departure. (Notification forms are attached to exhibit rules.) This notification must state where the animal will be and for how long. Absence from the county which exceeds 72 hours must have special permission from the Department Chairman/Co-Chairman. The animal must remain in the daily care of the exhibitor during the absence from the county, unless permission has been granted by the Department Chairman/Co-Chairman. This rule applies to leaving the county for TCCA shows, or any other related shows, grooming, hoof-trimming, or vet care. If an animal must leave Fort Bend County for emergency vet care, the Department Chairman or Co-Chairman must be notified within 48 hours.