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General Information

For information not contained in the Premium Book, please contact:

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Edinburg, Texas 78540
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Parking

Parking will be in designated areas only. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the owner's expense. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people. STAR is not responsible for damage or vandalism to vehicles or the loss of personal property or contents.

Security and Police

Security and/or law enforcement officers will be on hand for assistance. STAR cannot guarantee that accidents, damage, or loss of property will not occur, but through security service, STAR will attempt to prevent such from happening.

Show Veterinarian

The official show veterinarian, or veterinarians designated as the official show veterinarian, will be on call at all times. To obtain services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division chairman or a STAR board member.

Returned Checks

A \$35.00 charge will be made for all returned checks due to insufficient funds, closed accounts, or any other cause for non-payment of checks received by STAR.

Official Photographer

STAR will provide an official show photographer to take photos of exhibitors and their projects. Prints and re-prints of photographs may be ordered from the official show photographer. Only news media, breed association representatives, and other persons may take photos provided they are for personal use and will not be sold to others.

General Rules & Regulations

Rule 1. Interpretation and Violation of Rules:

The South Texas Agricultural Roundup (STAR), reserves to STAR's Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, protests, and differences in regard to STAR. STAR also reserves the right to amend or add to the rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors entering STAR agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and that their rights and privileges as Exhibitors in STAR are solely defined by them. **Any exhibitor who violates any of these rules will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following as determined at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee:**

- A. Issuance of oral or written apologies in a form acceptable to STAR, to other exhibitors, STAR volunteers, judges, chapters, clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation;
- B. Removal from the show grounds, along with all exhibit(s) of his or hers;
- C. Disqualification of the exhibitor, his or her immediate family members, or both from STAR;
- D. Suspension or disqualification of the exhibitor, his or her entire immediate family, or both, from future STAR shows;
- E. Forfeiture of all premium, extra, or supplemental funds and/or sale or add-on proceeds applicable to the sale of his or her exhibit(s) as part of any STAR Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified;
- F. Forfeiture and return of all trophies, ribbons, plaques, banners, buckles, or other items won or awarded as a result of competition in any STAR Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified;
- G. Disqualification of his or her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from that STAR Show;
- H. Suspension or disqualification of his or her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from future STAR Shows;
- I. And/or such other penalty as the STAR Executive Committee otherwise orders.

Rule 2. Statement of Liability:

All exhibits will be subject to the direction of STAR Management, but STAR will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for any reason, including, but not limited to, the condition of the premises or the refusal to consent to the administration of any drugs, chemicals, or other foreign substances. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury to any exhibit exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in the premium book, and shall indemnify STAR against all legal or other proceedings in regard to as well as damage or injury to any other person or property used by the exhibitor or any of the exhibits by him or her arising out of, or in any way connected with, such exhibit.

Rule 3. Application for Entry:

- A. All FFA and 4-H entry applications must be made on official entry forms, completed in all respects, signed by the exhibitor and the County Extension Agent, Agriculture Science Teacher, or 4-H adult leader under whose actual supervision the project was raised or

made. In all cases, it is within the sole discretion of STAR to reject or accept conditionally any applications.

- B. No entries will be accepted from individual 4-H or FFA members. All entry applications of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be made together and brought or mailed to STAR by the 4-H Club Manager or Agriculture Science Teacher with one check, for all of that club or chapter's entries, made payable to the South Texas Agricultural Roundup. No refunds of entry fees will be made under any circumstances.
- C. Entry applications must be made using the printed entry forms and entered online through the online entry system (Club Manager or Ag Science Teacher) by the designated entry deadline.
- D. A completed/submitted entry application requires the printed form (completed and with original signatures) and the entry submitted through the online entry system by the Club Manager or Ag Science Teacher. All printed forms, online entries and payments must be submitted by the entry deadline.
- E. All entry applications and entry fees must be postmarked by January 15, 2017.
- F. No late entries will be accepted.
- G. Entry fees for all livestock (market and breeding) will require the exhibitor to sell one book of raffle tickets per entry.**

Rule 4. Exhibition & Substitution:

All entries must be exhibited by their own exhibitor. In the case the exhibitor cannot exhibit their own entry, a substitution will only be considered in the following situations:

1. Exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class
2. Illness of the exhibitor or immediate family emergency.
3. Participation in other events in which the exhibitor qualified for in a previous event and subsequent absence at STAR was unforeseen. Exhibitors must complete a separate Substitution Form and file it with the STAR showground's show office for consideration.
4. Competition in any scheduled event is not a valid excuse for substitution. This includes other livestock shows, non-qualifying sporting events, recitals, dances, etc.

Any request for substitution by an exhibitor for any reason must:

5. Complete a Substitution Form and secure all appropriate signatures. Signatures must include the AST, CEA or 4-H adult leader under whose supervision the project was raised and one of the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians. The form must be filled out completely including the reason for the substitution.
6. File the approved substitution form in the STAR office no later than one hour before the division (not class) is scheduled to begin.

The substitute exhibitor must be a member of the same FFA chapter or 4-H club as the original exhibitor requesting the substitution or the exhibitor's eligible sibling. The substitute must also meet all other requirements for a FFA member or 4-H member to be able to participate in STAR and entered in the current year's show. A substitute will be allowed to participate for only one exhibitor in a division.

Substitute exhibitors will not be allowed in any showmanship class.

STAR reserves the right to deny any request for substitution.

Due to the fact that making the Premium Auction is not a guarantee to students participating at the STAR, exhibitors participating in school, church or youth related scheduled events may obtain a substitute for the Premium Auction. The exhibitor must complete a Substitution Form and secure all appropriate signatures. Signatures must include the AST, CEA or 4-H adult leader under whose supervision the project was raised and one of the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians. The form must be filled out completely including the reason for the substitution. The form must be turned in and on file with the STAR showground's show office by 8:30 am the day of the Premium Auction. All substitutes for Premium Auction must meet show eligibility requirements within these rules.

Students, or their approved substitute, must be present at the Premium Auction at the time their lot number is called. Anyone missing their spot in the auction will not sell.

Rule 5. Livestock Registration & Ownership:

All animals entered in the Breeding Cattle, Swine, and Goat divisions must be registered and entered in the name of the exhibitor. No partnerships, consignments, loaners or ownership interest by any other person, firm or entity will be allowed. The only exception to this rule is the Commercial Heifer division.

Rule 6. Exhibitor Numbers:

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive a separate exhibitor number for each entry. The exhibitor must wear the number corresponding to the appropriate entry when the entry is being judged in a class, during showmanship, and during the Junior Livestock Premium Auction.

Rule 7. Feed, Water, and Bedding:

Exhibitors may use pelletized bedding for cattle or wood shavings for hogs, goats and lambs in the **TENT AREAS ONLY**. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up stalls and shavings. Exhibitors must provide hay, grain, and other feed substances. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing feed and watering pails. The exhibitor is responsible for adequately feeding and watering each project entered.

Rule 8. Arrival of Livestock:

All entries must be in designated stalling, grooming, holding, or exhibition areas as described in the official schedule. Stalling is on a first come first serve basis. No early stall set up. All decisions are at the discretion of the livestock superintendent.

Rule 9. Release of Livestock:

All market livestock must remain on the grounds until their scheduled release or load out. Exhibitors with market projects must deliver their project to the location as indicated by the division chairman. Breeding goats, gilts, and cattle may be removed at the end of the respective breeding show.

Rule 10. Care of Animals, Stalls, and Pens:

All stalls and pens or other exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must remain in their stalls throughout the show. Feeding & watering of animals will be permitted around the outside of the barn. The animals must be secured to the panels that surround the barn. **Securing an animal to any object (trees, tables, sheds, etc.) is not allowed.** Any animal that is clearly not being fed or watered may be considered in violation of these rules.

Rule 11. Grooming of Animals:

STAR will be a no clip/no wash/no rinse show. All animals must be clipped and washed prior to arriving on the grounds. Waterless shampoos are allowed while on the grounds. Grooming chutes will be allowed around the outside of the barn in the designated locations. Exhibitors, clubs, and chapters may bring scales. Exhibitors may utilize blow dryers powered by the exhibitor's power source in the designated areas only. Power to these designated areas will not be provided by STAR.

Rule 12. Sifting and Classification of Livestock:

All market animals will be weighed and classified upon arrival at the grounds. The official scales will be provided for exhibitors to utilize prior to the start of the show. STAR will appoint classifiers/sifters for each of the species. The decision of the classifiers is final. No challenges will be accepted. Exhibitors themselves must present their animals for classification. Substitute exhibitors may present an animal for sifting only if approved by the division chairman. No adults will be allowed in the sifting area.

Rule 13. Rules of Judging:

The schedule of judging will be announced prior to the show. The exhibitor is responsible for being at the show ring promptly when his/her show is occurring. Only the judges, officials of the show, and exhibitors will be allowed in the ring during the judging.

Rule 14. Show Ring Ethics:

The following criteria shall be considered unethical in the entry, care, handling and/or showing of any animal.

- A. Misrepresentation of the age of the animal.
- B. Striking the animal.
- C. Surgery of any kind performed to change the physical appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts, teats, horns, or clipping of the hair and hooves.
- D. Insertion of foreign substances under the skin including, but not limited to, air, liquid, or natural substances from other portions of the same or other animals.
- E. Altering the natural color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body.
- F. The use of alcoholic or intoxicating beverages or substances in the feed or administered as a drench.

Rule 15. Protests:

Any disagreement or dispute to any decision of the STAR Board, its officials or judges, under these rules or arising out of the presence of any exhibitor on the grounds or in any competition, must be made by protest in writing within two calendar weeks of notification. There will be a \$250 cash fee for each protest filed. This fee will be refunded if the protest is ruled in the favor of the protesting party. No protest will be accepted concerning the decisions of the sifter and/or classifier. No protest will be accepted challenging the rules or policies set forth in this premium book. Only protests of the application and administration of these rules will be considered.

The STAR Board will have sole right and authority to review and decide on each protest. The protesting party will be notified of a time and place within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the protest when the Protesting party may appear in person before the STAR Board to state his or her position or present additional evidence competent under the Texas Rules of Evidence. The protesting party will be allowed a maximum of 60 minutes for the presentation. Non-appearance at the time scheduled will constitute a default of a protest and a forfeiture of the \$250 fee.

Rule 16. Special Rules:

Special rules or conditions are published in each division. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

Rule 17. General Conduct Rules:

No exhibitor, family member of any exhibitor, AST, CEA, Adult Leader, or Assistant may use abusive language, be disruptive, interfere with the exhibits, exhibit lewd or malicious behavior, or possess any kind of non-prescription narcotics or controlled substances as defined by federal law, or otherwise create a problem to the continuation of the show. Any person at STAR who refuses to allow a search of his or her person, exhibit area, supplies, vehicles, or other facilities under their possession or control within the confines of the grounds for substances prohibited by these rules may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule 1.

Rule 18. Ground Security:

Ground security will be provided by STAR. The grounds will open at 5:00 a.m. All exhibitors, AST's, CEA's and 4-H Club Managers must be off the grounds by 11:00 p.m. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed on the grounds after 11:00 p.m.

Rule 19. Parking Passes:

- A. Each STAR exhibitor will receive one (1) parking pass for admission to the grounds throughout STAR.
- B. Each Agriculture Science Teacher and Club Manager with entries in STAR will receive one (1) parking pass for admission to the grounds throughout STAR.
- C. Additional parking passes may be purchased for \$10 per pass, which allows holder of pass to park in designated areas at the show grounds.
- D. Indicate on the summary sheet the number of parking passes needed. Include these monies along with the entry fees at the time of entry application.

Rule 20. Sale of Market Animals:

- A. STAR is a terminal market show. Exhibitors of market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, and market rabbits that show in STAR must sell their entries to the bidder submitting the most favorable bid.
- B. Resale bids on all market animals must be in by 12:00 noon on Monday, Feb 27, 2017.
- C. The Junior Livestock Premium Auction will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017.
- D. The only market animals that will be permitted to return home are those that are sifted during their respective division sift or those animals ordered by STAR to be removed from the grounds or disqualified prior to the sale.
- E. Resale of market steers, market hogs, market lambs, and market goats will be by the pound. Resale of market poultry and market rabbits will be by the pen.
- F. If STAR is unable to solicit a bid for the resale of any animal, STAR reserves the right to return the animal to its owner. It is the owner's responsibility to remove the animal from the show grounds. If this occurs, the validation tags of all market animals will be removed prior to release.

Rule 21. Checks for Premium Auction Proceeds:

Buyers and Add-On contributors should make checks for their purchases or donations payable to the South Texas Agricultural Roundup. Payment is due on the date of the sale. All checks for exhibitors will be mailed to the Ag Science Teacher or 4-H Club Manager who submitted the entry. AST's or 4-H Club Managers will be responsible for delivery to the individual exhibitors. Lost, stolen, or misplaced checks may be replaced by STAR at the cost of the stop payment fee.

Rule 22. Ownership of Market Animals:

Ownership of all terminal market projects will remain with the exhibitor until the project is delivered to the truck or designated location by the resale buyer or STAR.

Rule 23. Animal Health Requirements:

- A. All livestock exhibited must meet the health requirements set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission (see TAHC Rules on page 11) and any additional requirements that STAR may require.
- B. Cattle from tick or scabies quarantined areas must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a state or federal inspector showing freedom from infection or exposure thereto and have been dipped immediately prior to shipment.

Rule 24. Foreign Substances:

The South Texas Agricultural Roundup in its sole discretion may, any number of times and at any time, test any animal officially entered in any division for unethical fitting or any foreign substance including any type of drugs, chemicals or prohibited feed additives other than drugs or chemicals. Feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature, or weight in any animal.

There will be an absolute zero tolerance for any foreign substances in any animal regardless of the concentration of the amount found or withdrawal periods published or approved by any entity. Testing equipment available is quite sensitive. All exhibitors are urged not to participate in or allow the medication of their animals for any reason whatsoever within three weeks of entry or while at the show without the express written consent of the official show veterinarian. Such consent will only be granted upon extraordinary circumstances to be determined at the sole discretion of the show veterinarian. Unless written consent was given by the show veterinarian, any animal testing positive for any such foreign substance, regardless of its source, whether it is otherwise approved or permissible by any entity or governmental agency for the treatment of any animal, the exhibitor's knowledge of or participation in its administration, or by whom it was administered, or having been unethically fitted at the discretion of the show veterinarian, sifter, or judge will automatically be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals. The carcass of a disqualified animal will be disposed of, if still available, only in accordance with written instructions from USDA or FDA if the substances detected are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed.

STAR reserves the right, at any time, to test any animal, utilizing the methods of ultrasound technology or post-harvest stripping of the hides, to detect the use of foreign substances or unethical fitting. Penalties for violations may include but are not limited to those indicated in Rule 1.

Rule 25. Medications:

Rule 24 sets a zero tolerance for any type of medication in an animal unless the STAR official veterinarian has given express written consent. Possession of any such medications without said written consent will not be permitted. Should any such medication be found in the possession of an exhibitor; that person and his or her exhibit may be subject to the penalties outlined in Rule 1. Should any such medication be found in the possession of any other person; that person may be asked to leave the grounds, for a length of time to be determined, at the discretion of the STAR board. Veterinarians bringing such medications onto the grounds for the possible treatment of animals pursuant of this rule should advise the STAR veterinarian before doing so or they will expose themselves to the above mentioned provisions.

Exhibitors who have a project on the grounds and need the service of a veterinarian should report to the division chairperson or STAR board member who will contact the official show veterinarian. Exhibitors should then wait near the animal in question until the STAR veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor is in need of medication, the decision to give it or allow it to be given is solely that of the exhibitor regardless of consent or lack thereof from STAR or the official show veterinarian and the effect on the animal of its administration, or lack thereof, is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the animal of an exhibitor is medicated without the express written consent of the STAR veterinarian and it tests positive for the substance administered, the provisions of Rule 24 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees and any medical supplies is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Rule 26. Show Boxes and Trim Chutes:

No show boxes will be permitted inside the barn at any time. Show boxes and trim chutes may be located around the exterior of the barns on the outside of the enclosed areas.

Rule 27. Exhibition of Market Animals in Other Terminal Shows:

- A. Any animal, which is found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in STAR, will be declared ineligible.
- B. Any animal that has gone through the auction at another show is ineligible for STAR.
- C. Market animals found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been cancelled.

Rules and Regulations Governing Admission of Livestock to Shows, Fairs, and Assemblies

TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966
Austin, Texas 78711-2966

Note: The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

Entering shows, fairs, exhibitions, and assemblies

- A. All livestock, poultry, and ratites originating in Texas and:
 - 1. Entering all intrastate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that require Texas livestock of the same species to be housed and exhibited separate and apart from livestock and poultry from out of state) – are exempt from the entry permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements, except poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free of pullorum disease and fowl typhoid or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days before exhibition.

Junior Livestock Showmanship Contests

Sponsored by:

Hidalgo County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

“Showmanship Taught And Rewarded”

Showmanship Rules & Regulations

- A. Showmanship shows will occur in the following divisions:
 - 1. Market Steers
 - 2. Market Hogs
 - 3. Market Goats
 - 4. Market Lambs
 - 5. Market Rabbits
 - 6. Breeding Cattle
 - 7. Breeding Gilts
 - 8. Breeding Goats
- B. There will be five (5) age groups per division (age as of February 26, 2017):
 - 1. 8 to 10 years old
 - 2. 11 to 12 years old
 - 3. 13 to 14 years old
 - 4. 15 to 16 years old
 - 5. 17 years and older
- C. STAR exhibitors must only choose one showmanship show to enter.
- D. Exhibitors must exhibit their own entry in the showmanship class. No substitute of entries will be allowed for showmanship. No substitute exhibitors will be allowed to participate in showmanship.
- E. Exhibitors will be given a Showmanship Pass with their entry. This pass must be turned in upon entering the show ring and can be used only once. Lost passes will not be replaced. This will be the exhibitor’s showmanship entry and will allow the exhibitor to decide in which showmanship division they wish to participate.
- F. Awards:
 - 1. A Champion and Reserve Champion Buckle may be awarded in each age division in the Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Breeding Cattle (Bulls/ABC and AOB), Breeding Gilt and Breeding Goat.
 - 2. Additional premium monies, if available, may be prorated and allocated to showmanship shows according to the number of entries. This money will be awarded as premiums to placing exhibitors.

Junior Livestock Premium Auction

- A. The STAR Junior Livestock Premium Auction will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- B. STAR exhibitors will be allowed to sell only one (1) animal in the STAR Junior Livestock Premium Auction, unless that exhibitor exhibits multiple grand or reserve grand champions in the market divisions. All grand champion and reserve grand champion market animals automatically make the Premium Auction.
- C. Exhibitors receiving a species Grand or Reserve Grand Champion may sell another placing animal in that animal's place if the other animal is eligible for the sale and it would be in the exhibitor's best interest to sell the lower placing animal.
- D. The top 50% of each class, breed or species will be eligible for the sale dependent upon Rules B and C as stated above.
- E. Substitutes must follow the rules for substitute exhibitors. **(Rule 4 of the General Rules)**
- F. Any student, regardless of placing, will be eligible to participate in the Add-On Program. Add-On Forms postmarked by February 15, 2017 and over \$100 will get recognition at the Premium Auction.
- G. Raffle tickets sold will be used and funds distributed in the following manner:
 - 1. Entry books of 10 tickets sold (\$100 value each)
 - (a) Serves as payment for the exhibitor's entries
 - (b) 100% of proceeds goes directly to STAR.
 - 2. Additional books of 10 tickets sold (\$100 value each)
 - (a) 50% goes to the exhibitor selling the tickets
 - (b) 50% goes to STAR

Students, or their approved substitute, must be present at the Premium Auction at the time their lot number is called. Anyone missing their spot in the auction will not sell.

Market Steer Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary, secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All steers must have been validated through the **Texas Steer Validation program in Hidalgo County or through the STAR Validation in Hidalgo County**. Steers without an official Texas Steer Validation or STAR Validation tag will be ineligible to show.
4. All steers must be the legal property of the exhibitor and continuously cared for by the exhibitor **from the date of validation** through the show date, under the supervision of AST, CEA, or 4-H Adult Leader.
5. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry in the Market Steer Show
6. Any steer showing more than normal fill at weighing time will be sifted by Show Officials.
7. Steers must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
 - a. Must weigh at least **1050** pounds. There will be no top weight limit.
 - b. Must be creditable from the standpoint of: type, quality, finish and breed characteristics.
 - c. Must be free of grub or grub damage.
 - d. Must be dehorned and show no secondary horn growth.
 - e. Must be trained to lead and handle properly. Nose leads will be permitted during sifting. Any steer that is wild or requires handling by more than one person at weighing and sifting may be sifted.
 - f. All steers must be shorn prior to arrival at the show grounds. Hair must not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on any location of the body **excluding the tail switch up to the twist**. No trimming on the grounds with power equipment will be permitted.
8. A steer, which in the opinion of the classifiers does not have predominant breed characteristics in the class of which it is entered, may be moved by the classifiers to the class which in their opinion the animal is eligible to be entered.
9. No change of the major color pattern of a steer by painting or dying will be allowed. Any steer groomed with material that allows color to come off the steer will not be allowed in the show.
10. Decisions of the official veterinarian, official classifiers and/or sifters will be final. Protests against the decision of the official veterinarian, classifiers, or judges will not be considered.
11. Steers may be designated for re-weighing during judging at a time determined by the Steer Committee Chairman. Any steer weighing 5% more than his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing and ineligible for the STAR Jr. Livestock Premium Auction.
12. No one but exhibitors and Show Officials will be allowed in the show ring or on the Arena Director's stand during sifting and judging.

13. Steers must remain in their stalls from **11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.** and at all other times except during sifting and judging and being prepared for judging. All exhibitors and their parents must leave the show grounds during this time.
14. Breeds of Steers:
 - a. Simbrah
 - b. ABC – American Breeds and Crossbreeds**
 - c. Charolais and Charolais Crossbreeds**
 - d. AOB – All Other Breeds

***Crossbreeds are defined as a steer whose sire and dam are of different breeds.*
15. Classes will be determined after the final weights and classifications are completed. All classes may be divided to have as equal number of entries in each class as possible. All decisions are final.
16. Breeds listed above must have a **minimum of 8 entries** in order to have a separate show for the breed. There must be a minimum of 10 entries to form a new breed. If after sifting, there are less than the required numbers of entries in a breed specified in this rule then those entries will be placed in either the American Breeds & Crossbreeds or All Other Breeds.
17. The first place steer in each class will compete for Breed Champion, 2nd place steers out of the class that produces the Breed Champion will be allowed to compete with the remaining 1st place steers for Reserve Breed Champion.
18. Breed Champions will compete for Grand Champion Market Steer. The Reserve Breed Champion out of the breed that produces the Grand Champion Market Steer will compete against the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.
19. The Steer Committee may collect a blood or hair sample from any steer entered in STAR for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any steer not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this blood or hair sample compared to the DNA analysis of the blood or hair sample taken from the animal at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.
20. **Being sent to the scale and weighed during judging does not automatically qualify a project for the Premium Auction. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will receive a “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” before leaving the show arena.**
21. **The “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” needs to be completed and turned in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Attention Market Steer Exhibitors:

The 2018 Market Steer Show will consist of AOB and ABC divisions only. Each breed will be divided into 3 weight divisions – light weight, middle weight and heavy weight. The first place steers from each division will compete for Breed Champions. The Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion from each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.

Market Hog Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All entries shown in the Market Hog classes will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations including all health requirements by the Texas Animal Health Commission and in addition, to the following rules and regulations.
4. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to be entered in this market division.
5. All Market Hogs must have been validated by the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2016.
6. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry in the Market Hog Show.
7. Classes and order of show (**minimum of 8 head to make a breed**):
 - a. DUROCS
 - b. HAMPSHIRE
 - c. YORKSHIRE
 - d. ALL OTHER PUREBREEDS
 - e. LIGHT CROSSBREEDS
 - f. DARK CROSSBREEDS
8. LIGHT CROSSBREEDS: Hogs that are white, blue-butt, or speckled are eligible for entry in this breed
DARK CROSSBREEDS: Hogs with undiluted black, and/or red pigmentation and hair shall be considered a Dark Cross.
9. **Market Hog entries weighing less than 225 pounds or more than 280 pounds at time of official weigh-in will be sifted. Animals that do not meet the weight requirement will be sifted and cannot move to the breeding swine show.**
10. No oil, oil-based products, or powder will be permitted on Market Hogs. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
11. Exhibitors will weigh their own animals, record the weight and declare a breed on their weight card. Weight cards will be turned in to the superintendent at the designated times. Class weights will be determined after all market hog weights are turned in.
12. The show will employ an official Classifier. The decision of the Classifier will be final. Protest of the classification of a market hog will not be accepted.
13. Scales will be set-up in the barn. The STAR Market Hog Committee will have the right to weigh any animal in the barn at any time.
14. Market Hogs will be designated for re-weighing in the show arena at a time designated by the STAR Market Hog Committee.
15. Any market hog leaving the ring and returning later for additional judging will be re-weighed.

16. There will be a twelve (12) pound weigh-back with a zero tolerance. Any market hog weighing more than twelve (12) pounds above or below the initial show weight will become ineligible for any award or the STAR Jr. Livestock Premium Auction. STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal for the purpose of resale. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be sifted.
- 17. Being sent to the scale and weighed during judging does not automatically qualify a project for the Premium Auction. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will receive a “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” before leaving the show arena.**
- 18. The “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” needs to be completed and turned in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Market Goat Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 31, 2016 through the show date under the supervision of an AST, CEA, or 4-H Adult Leader.
4. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether or unbred doe.
5. All male goats must be castrated by January 1, 2017.
6. All goats must be state validated by October 31, 2016.
7. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry in the Market Goat Show.
8. Any animal found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name other than the name entered in STAR and/or any animal which has gone through the auction at another show will be ineligible for STAR.
9. Any goat found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been cancelled.
10. Scales will be set-up in the barn for the Official Weighing of the goats.
11. Classes will be determined at the conclusion of the weighing period.
12. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted.
13. **Goats must weigh at least 60 pounds and cannot have a maximum weight of over 115 pounds at the time of the Official Weighing and Sift.**
14. Market Goats will be designated for re-weighing in the show arena at a time designated by the Market Goat Committee.
15. Any Market Goat leaving the show ring and later returning for additional judging may be subject to reweighing.
16. **Any Market Goat weighing greater than five (5) pounds over or greater than five (5) pounds under the official weight will be disqualified from any awards and the STAR Jr. Livestock Premium Auction. STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal for the purpose of resale. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be sifted.**
17. Any goat that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive of the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted.
18. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less.
19. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped or rounded or sanded to the size of a dime or larger to meet the approval of the Goat Committee prior to going through the sift.

20. Goats must be creditable from the standpoint of quality, finish and not have been mutilated in any way at time of sifting.
21. Only humane methods of showing will be permitted during sifting and judging. Use of training collars with spikes may be permitted anytime at the discretion of the parent, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor for the safety of the exhibitor.
22. No washing or rinsing of animals will be allowed after the animal has arrived to the show grounds.
23. There will be a designated area for trim tables and blowers. No electricity will be supplied.
24. **Being sent to the scale and weighed during judging does not automatically qualify a project for the Premium Auction. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will receive a “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” before leaving the show arena.**
25. **The “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” needs to be completed and turned in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Market Lamb Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All lambs must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 31, 2016 through the show date under the supervision of an AST, CEA, or 4-H Adult Leader.
4. Lambs may be either wether or ewe lambs. All ewe lambs must have a premise tag as per Texas Animal Health Commission requirements. **IMPORTANT.**
5. All lambs must have been validated by the Texas Lamb Validation Program by October 31, 2016.
6. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry in the Market Lamb Show.
7. Any animal found to have been entered in another show under a different name other than the name entered in STAR and/or any animal which has gone through the auction at another show will be ineligible for STAR. Lambs found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been cancelled.
8. Weighing, sifting, and classifying times will be announced prior to the show.
9. Lambs must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
 - a. All lambs must weigh at least 80 pounds. There will be no maximum weight.
 - b. Any lamb that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of lambs or marketability of lamb carcasses will be sifted.
 - c. All lambs must be slick shorn, from knee and hock up, at time of sifting. Lambs with excessive wool will be sifted.
 - d. Lambs must be creditable from the standpoint of type, quality, finish and breed characteristics.
 - e. Lambs that have been mutilated in any way will be sifted.
 - f. A lamb, which in the opinion of the sifter or classifiers does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class which it is entered, may be sifted from the show or, with the approval of the Committee Chairman, moved to another class.
10. The decision of the sifter and/or classifiers will be final. Protests will not be accepted concerning the sifter's opinion.
11. After sifting, lambs may be divided into weight groups by breeds as nearly equal in number as possible. All lambs of the same weight will be in the same weight group. The minimum number of lambs to make a breed is eight. Breeds: Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses, Southdown, Medium Wool.

12. Lambs may be re-weighed during judging at a time designated by the STAR Market Lamb Committee. Lambs returning to the arena after leaving for further competition will also be re-weighed. Any lamb weighing more than five (5) pounds above his initial show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing or the STAR Jr. Livestock Premium Auction. **STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal for the purpose of resale. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be sifted.**
13. No one but the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring during sifting and judging.
14. No painting, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on lambs.
15. No washing or trimming of animals will be allowed after the animal has arrived to the show grounds. *(See Rule 11 of the General Rules)*
16. The STAR Market Lamb Committee may collect a blood or wool sample from any lamb entered in STAR for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any lamb not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of the blood or wool sample taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.
17. First place animals from each weight class will compete for Breed Champion honors, the second place animal from the class that produces the Breed Champion will return to the ring to compete against the remaining first place winners for Reserve Breed Champion.
18. Breed Champions will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb. The Reserve Breed Champion from the breed producing the Grand Champion Market Lamb will be allowed to compete against the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.
19. **Being sent to the scale and weighed during judging does not automatically qualify a project for the Premium Auction. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will receive a “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” before leaving the show arena.**
20. **The “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” needs to be completed and turned in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Attention Market Lamb Exhibitors:

The 2018 Market Lamb Show will consist of weight divisions only. The first place lamb from each class will compete for the Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb and the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.

Market Rabbit Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. Rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor as of February 1, 2017, and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H Adult Leader.
4. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) pen of three rabbits in the Market Rabbit Show. The pen is to consist of three rabbits, all the same breed or variety or they will be sifted. Only three (3) rabbits per exhibitor will be allowed on the show grounds at time of sifting.
5. Rabbits will be weighed on official show scales at the time of check-in.
6. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or be automatically sifted:
 - a. **Must weigh at least (3.5) three and a half pounds but no more than (5.5) five and a half pounds at the sifting weigh-in. If any one rabbit in the pen weighs less than three and a half pounds or more than five and a half pounds, the entire pen will be sifted.**
 - b. Must be marketable meat and pelt quality.
 - c. Must be free of the following defects:
 - Cysts, ruptures or tumors
 - Cold or snuffles
 - Abscesses (hocks and elsewhere)
 - Matted eyelids
 - Blindness in either or both eyes
 - Mange
 - Mites (ear or body)
 - Fleas
 - Malocclusion
 - Vent Diseases
 - d. If any one rabbit in the pen is disqualified, the entire pen will be sifted.
7. A rabbit pen, which in the opinion of the sifter, does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the Class in which it is entered, will be moved to the proper breed class by the sifter.
8. After rabbits have been approved to show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor.
9. Each exhibitor must bring one hanging metal rabbit feeder (through-cage type) and one thirty-two ounce or larger bottle type waterer (no crocks or bowls allowed). These must be displayed to the Sifting Committee at check-in time. Rabbits will not be admitted unless properly functioning spill proof containers accompany the pen.

10. STAR will not be responsible for any animals that get sick or die while on exhibit.
11. No oils, polishes, powders, or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at sifting or at the show table.
12. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard and Guide for Judging Meat Classes. Judges will also refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary.
13. Rabbits will be judged alive and will not be dressed out for carcass judging.
14. The four judging factors are:
 - a. Meat Type is worth 40%. Look for fryers that are compact, short and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones, etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance.
 - b. Condition is worth 30%. All three rabbits in the pen should be in prime condition.
 - c. Uniformity is worth 20%. The pen must reflect uniformity of weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type and fur.
 - d. Fur is worth 10%.
15. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge.
16. Classes (**must have 8 entries to make a class, if not, they will show with the smallest breed class present**):
 - a. Class 1 – New Zealand White
 - b. Class 2 – Californian
 - c. Class 3 – Crossbreeds and Other Purebreds
 - d. Class 4 – Grand Champion
 - e. Class 5 – Reserve Grand Champion
17. First place animals from each weight class will compete for Breed Champion honors, the second place animal from the class that produces the Breed Champion will return to the ring to compete against the remaining first place winners for Reserve Breed Champion.
18. Breed Champions will compete for Grand Champion Market Rabbit. The Reserve Breed Champion from the breed producing the Grand Champion Market Rabbit will be allowed to compete against the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit.
19. **All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will need to complete a "Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form" and turn in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Market Poultry Show

Notice to Exhibitors: Exhibitors must remove their projects that are sifted from the show immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer, to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with STAR. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. Judging of Market Poultry will immediately follow the Official Sift at STAR.
4. Chicks must be ordered through STAR. There are twenty-five (25) chicks per order. All birds will be assigned to exhibitors when chicks are delivered. All birds brought to the show must bear the wing band number assigned to the exhibitors. The wing band number must appear on the exhibitor's entry card.
5. No request for refund of money received for prepayment of chicks or cancellations of order will be considered. Checks will be deposited upon receipt.
6. The chicks will be straight run. Birds of either sex may be shown.
7. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter one (1) pen of three broilers. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) pen of three broilers in the Market Poultry Show.
8. Alternate birds may be brought to the show grounds. However, the birds presented to the committee for wing band check at sifting become the entry and no substitutions will be allowed after sifting.
9. Birds will be sifted upon arrival on the show grounds for the purpose of eliminating any birds not in show condition. Sick and/or diseased birds will be sifted. Any bird with reduced comb growth or other secondary sex characteristics, which indicate the presence of a hormone, will be sifted. The decision of the sifter is final. No protest concerning the sifter's decision will be considered.
10. Birds losing their wing band for whatever reason are ineligible to show. Birds with wing bands showing signs of tampering are subject to being sifted. Birds bearing a wing band other than one assigned to the exhibitor will be sifted. Sifted birds will be marked at time of sifting and must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
11. There is no weight limit. Birds will not be weighed at the show.
12. Exhibitors must be present at the time of sifting and judging to show their birds to the judge. Each exhibitor should arrange for two 4-H or FFA members to help them exhibit their birds. Absolutely, no adults will be allowed in the sift area or show ring.
13. A Belt Buckle will be awarded for Best Single Bird of the Poultry Show.
14. The official Broiler Order Form will serve to meet the requirements of the Texas Pullorum Disease-Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977.
- 15. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will need to complete a "Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form" and turn in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Breeding Cattle Show

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All entries in this division are to follow the General Rules and Regulations of the STAR Show in addition to these special rules.
4. All cattle must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from November 1, 2016 through the date of the show, under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H Adult Leader.
5. All heifers must have been validated through the **Texas Heifer Validation program in Hidalgo County** by November 1, 2016. Heifers without an official Texas Steer Validation tag will be ineligible to show.
6. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the Breeding Cattle Show. (e.g. two heifers; two bulls; or one heifer and one bull). A photocopy of the animals' registration papers must accompany the entry. A copy of the original registration paper should also be presented at check-in. **All breeding cattle exhibitors are to pick up their exhibitor numbers at check-in from 5 pm to 8 pm on Sunday, February 26, 2017.**
7. Deadline for entries will be January 15, 2017. Substitutions to original entries may be made up to Feb. 15, 2017 with a \$20.00 fee.
8. Delivery of Breeding Cattle to the show grounds will be posted in the schedule of livestock events.
9. All cattle must be entered in the name of the registered owner.
10. Age/Class breaks for each breed of breeding cattle (bulls and heifers) are as follows:
 - Class 1: May 1, 2016 and after
 - Class 2: March - April 2016
 - Class 3: Jan-Feb 2016
 - Class 4: Sept-Dec 2015
 - Class 5: May-Aug 2015
 - Class 6: Jan-April 2015
 - Class 7: Sept-Dec 2014
11. **Cattle cannot be born prior to September 1, 2014.**
12. Any female 24 months of age and older must have produced a calf or be bred, with the exception of those in an embryo transfer program. The show reserves the right to have an animal palpated if a protest is filed. **Bred heifers must have certification from a veterinarian and certification papers must be submitted at the breeding cattle check in, Sunday, February 26, 2017.**
13. Nose leads are required on all bulls, with the exception of those shown alongside their dam.
14. No one but exhibitors and Show Officials will be allowed in the show ring or on the Arena Director's stand during sifting and judging.

15. Cattle that are left overnight must remain in their stalls from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. except during sifting, judging, feeding or being prepared for judging. All exhibitors and their parents must leave the show grounds during the above time.
16. There must be ten (10) head of the same breed **and sex present at the show** to make a new breed. **Existing breeds must have eight (8) head to maintain a breed this year.** If minimum requirements are not met to make a new breed or maintain an existing breed, they will show in either All Other Breeds (AOB) or American Breeds and Crossbreeds (ABC). Existing Breeds are:
- a. **Bulls**
- ABC
 - AOB
- b. **Heifers**
- Brahman
 - Beefmaster
 - Santa Gertrudis
 - Simbrah
 - ABC
 - AOB
 - ABC Commercial
 - AOB Commercial
17. If there are not enough Simbravieh cattle to start a new breed: the Simbravieh heifer/cow will be placed in the ABC breed if their registration papers show at least $\frac{1}{4}$ brahman or the Simbravieh heifer/cow will be placed in the AOB breed if their registration papers show less than $\frac{1}{4}$ brahman.
18. There will be no fitting or altering of an animal's original color or conformation allowed. **No adhesives. No oils.** No pumping or adding any fill to any animal will be tolerated. No clipping will be allowed on the show grounds. Blowers may be utilized in the designated area of the grounds with power supplied by the exhibitor. All animals subject to a wipe test before entering the staging area.
19. There will be no washing/rinsing of animals on the show grounds. Waterless shampoos are allowed for use. (*See Rule 11 in the General Rules*)
20. Commercial Heifer Rules:
- a. Heifers must be validated through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show validation program.
 - b. At validation, heifers will be classified as either American Breeds and Crossbreeds or All Other Breeds.
 - c. **All cattle must be dehorned and halter broke.**
 - d. Classes will be determined by weight.
 - e. Cattle that do not meet show quality or condition may be sifted.
 - f. Champion Commercial and Res. Champion Commercial Heifer will compete in the Supreme and Res. Supreme Heifer Drive.
21. The top 50% of each bull and heifer breed will be eligible for the sale (refer to Junior Livestock Premium Auction, page 13).
22. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will need to complete a "Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form" and turn in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.

Breeding Gilt Show

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All entries shown in the Junior Breeding Gilt Classes will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations including all health requirements by the Texas Animal Health Commission and in addition, to the following rules and regulations.
4. All breeding gilts must have been validated through the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2016.
5. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the Breeding Gilt Show
6. Breed registration papers will not be required for this show.
7. There will no weight limit in the Breeding Gilt Division.
8. No gilt may be older than 10 months of age by show time.
9. Exhibitors will weigh their own animals, record the weight and declare a breed on their weight card. Weight cards will be turned in to the superintendent at the designated times. Class weights will be determined after all market hog weights are turned in. The Judge and the Breeding Hog Committee will attempt to classify all breeding hogs according to Breed Registerable Characteristics.
10. The decision of the classifier will be final. Protests will not be accepted on the Classifier's opinion.
11. No oil, oil-based products, or powder will be permitted on the breeding hogs. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
12. No one but the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the judging arena or on the arena director's stand during the sifting and judging.
13. Animals shown in the Breeding Gilt Division will be ineligible for the Market Hog Division.
14. Classes will be determined after weighing and classifying.
15. Breeds (**minimum of 8 head to make a breed**):
 - a. Duroc
 - b. Yorkshire
 - c. Hampshire
 - d. All Other Purebreds
 - e. Light Cross
 - f. Dark Cross
16. Hogs will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible.
17. All breeding gilts of the same weight will be put in the same weight group.
18. First place gilts in each class will compete for Breed Champion
19. Second place gilts in the class that produced the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining first place gilts for Reserve Breed Champion.
20. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt
21. Breed Champions will compete for Grand Champion.

22. The Reserve Breed Champion of the Breed that produces the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion Gilt.
23. Being sent to the scale and weighed during judging does not automatically qualify a project for the Premium Auction. All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will receive a Verification Slip for the Premium Auction before leaving the ring. This must be completed and returned to the Superintendent in order for the exhibitor to be eligible to sell in the Premium Auction.
24. All Validation Tag Numbers of Breeding Gilts sold through the Premium Auction will be recorded and turned over to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. According to RGVLS rules, no animal that has sold through another show's auction is eligible to show at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
25. **All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will need to complete a "Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form" and turn in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Breeding Goat Show

1. Each exhibitor must be an enrolled member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Hidalgo County and be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2016 through the show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
3. All entries shown in the Junior Breeding Goat classes will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of STAR and in addition, to the following rules and regulations.
4. Animals entered in this division must be registered in the exhibitor's name by February 15, 2017. Animals must be in the possession of the Exhibitor by November 15, 2016 and personally fed and cared for exclusively by the exhibitor from that date through STAR, under the supervision of an AST, CEA, or 4-H Adult Leader.
5. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the Breeding Gilt Show
6. Identification: Goats must have a legible ear identification number tattoo corresponding to the registration certification number and the corresponding Texas State Validation number.
7. **Photocopy of registration papers must be attached to the entry application. Original registration papers must accompany the animal to STAR. No Exceptions.**
8. Abnormalities: Goats showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical conformation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry.
9. Fitting guidelines: Goats may be fully haired or trimmed to the owner's satisfaction. Training collars will be allowed in the show ring and anywhere on the show grounds. Use of a training collar is up to the discretion of the exhibitor's parents, 4-H leader or FFA advisor, for the safety of the exhibitor.
10. Horns: Full bloods need to be horned, with minor tipping. Percentages may be horned or dehorned.
11. Goats will be shown by the age of the Registration Certificate in the following order **(minimum of 8 head to make a division, otherwise they all show together)**:
 - a. Percentage Boer Does
 - (1) Class 1 – Ages 4 to less than 8 months (from Show Date)
 - (2) Class 2 – Ages 8 to less than 12 months
 - (3) Class 3 – Ages 12 to less than 18 months
 - (4) Class 4 – Ages 18 to less than 24 months
 - (5) Class 5 – Ages 24 months and older
 - (6) Class 6 – Percentage Champion Female
 - (7) Class 7 – Percentage Reserve Champion Female
 - b. Purebred Boer Does
 - (1) Class 7 – Ages 4 to less than 8 months
 - (2) Class 8 – Ages 8 to less than 12 months
 - (3) Class 9 – Ages 12 to less than 18 months
 - (4) Class 10 – Ages 18 months to less than 24 months
 - (5) Class 11 – Ages 24 months and older
 - (6) Class 12 – Champion Purebred Female

(7) Class 13 – Reserve Champion Purebred Female

c. Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Female Goat

12. Sexually intact goats or sheep brought to the show grounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag or have registration or tattoo acceptable to show then Premise Tag is optional.
13. All breeding goat exhibitors, should pick-up their exhibitor numbers at the breeding goat check in from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 2, 2017. Any entries that are not checked in by 7:00 pm will be scratched from the show.
14. Texas 4-H / Texas FFA validation of breeding goats is required for 2017.
15. **All exhibitors qualifying for the Premium Auction will need to complete a “Premium Auction Acknowledgement Form” and turn in to the Show Office by the end of the last show on Friday, March 3rd.**

Shining STAR Scholarship Contest

1. All candidates must attend high school and be considered a senior expecting to graduate in May 2017.
2. All candidates must be 17-19 years of age by February 26th of the current year.
3. All candidates must be participating in a FFA or 4-H Club within Hidalgo County, have shown at STAR at least 2 years prior to Senior Year and also must submit entry and bring project to show for exhibition during Senior Year.
4. Candidates may not be married, previously married, or have children and must remain so throughout the show.
5. A scholarship will be awarded to the candidate with the highest accumulated points. Awards will be paid in accordance with the STAR Scholarship Program rules and guidelines.
6. The contest will consist of an interview (approximately 15 minutes), introduction to audience, and scrapbook.
7. Each contestant is required to prepare a scrapbook that details personal biographical information, school activities, leadership and community service.
8. Attire will consist of blue jeans, a western shirt and boots.
9. All contestants must follow all STAR rules. Candidates will, at no time drink alcoholic beverages, smoke in public, or knowingly participate in any illegal activity or detrimental behavior during any STAR event. Failure to follow these rules will result in forfeiture of any awards or scholarships.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2016

Turn in Application & Scrapbook: Tonya Hill or Mary Kelley

Interviews: December 10, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church School Cafeteria
119 W. Fay Street Edinburg, Texas.

STAR Scholarship Program

Eligibility - To be eligible to apply for the STAR Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be a current Hidalgo County 4-H or FFA member.
2. Have been a member of 4-H or FFA as reflected below for two of the past four years including the current year.
3. Attend public school, private school, or be home-schooled in Hidalgo County.
4. Be a graduating senior.
5. Be a current resident of Hidalgo County.
6. Must exhibit their project at STAR as follows:
 - a. Submit entries and bring project to the show for exhibition in the current year. Sifted projects meet the exhibition requirements of this application.
 - b. Must have exhibited at least three years, including the current year.

Scholarship Guidelines - Scholarship applications will be accepted, evaluated, and awarded based on the following guidelines:

1. Completed scholarship applications are due November 15, 2016 by 6:00 p.m. to the scholarship committee chair: Luis Saldana (956-279-3346)
2. The scholarship committee will evaluate all applicants that meet all the eligibility requirements and have completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.
3. Applicants will be contacted and must attend the interview to continue to be considered for a scholarship. Interviews will be conducted December 11, 2016 and/or December 12, 2016. Conflicts in scheduled interview times should be resolved no later than the day before the interview.
4. Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

a. a. Cover Letter	10 pts
b. b. Academics	5 pts
c. c. Project Experiences	20 pts
d. d. STAR Involvement	15 pts
e. e. Leadership	8 pts
f. f. Community Service	8 pts
g. g. Honors/Awards	10 pts
h. h. Other Activities	4 pts
i. i. Interview	20 pts

100 pts

5. Evaluation of items above will be based on the Application Guidelines distributed with the application.
6. Recipients will have one year to redeem their scholarship award based on the date the recipients are selected/announced. The recipient is responsible for initiating the process of redeeming their award.
7. Award recipient must sign and return by March 1, 2017 the Scholarship Acceptance Agreement provided at the time of the announcement/award. See the agreement for details.
8. Award will be paid directly to the recipient upon submission of official record of enrollment in postsecondary education that includes:
 - a. Courses taken after High School graduation
 - b. Proof of enrollment must include all of the following information in the same document to serve as valid proof: 1) student name; 2) college/university; 3) semester date; and 4) evidence of registration in class/classes). Proof of enrollment can include: a class schedule, a student invoice, a grade report, or a transcript. Contact the committee chair with questions.