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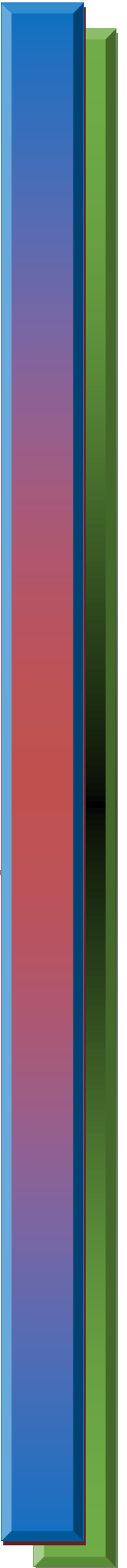
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General Information

For information not contained in the South Texas Agriculture Roundup (STAR) Premium Book, please contact:

South Texas Agricultural Roundup, Inc.
P. O. Box 1939
Edinburg, Texas 78540
www.gostar.org
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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. Fees for parking are \$10 per day.

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(s), will be on call at all times. To obtain services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division chairman or a STAR board member. The official show veterinarian is Mission Veterinary Hospital.

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 regarding 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 person who violates any of these rules will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus the possibility of 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
- 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 club or chapter's entries, made payable to the South Texas Agricultural Roundup. In the event of show cancellation, the STAR Show will reimburse entry money after show expenses are paid.
- 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 received by December 18, 2022.
- F. Substitutions for the same species will be accepted until January 22, 2023 at a \$20 charge. Late substitutions from January 23 through February 1 will be accepted for a \$100 charge. **Substitutions MUST be for the same species show category. Ex. Market Goat for Market Goat, Breeding Heifer for Breeding Heifer.**
- G. Entry fees for all livestock will be \$100 for the first entry and \$50 for every additional entry. There is no limit on entries for the 2023 STAR Show.



Reminder

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 by February 1, 2023. There will be no exceptions for this situation after the deadline.
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 reasons 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 above must:

1. 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.
2. File the approved substitution form in the STAR office 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 participating STAR sibling or another participating STAR exhibitor showing the same species. 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.

Rule 5. Livestock Registration & Ownership:

All animals entered in the Breeding Cattle, Swine, Lamb and Goat divisions must be registered and entered in the name of the exhibitor only. No partnerships, consignments, loaners or ownership interest by any other person, firm or entity will be allowed. All Commercial Heifers and Commercial Goats must be validated in the exhibitor's name.

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 and during showmanship.

Rule 7. Feed, Water, and Bedding:

Exhibitors may use pelletized bedding for cattle or wood shavings for hogs, goats and lambs. 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. All decisions are at the discretion of the livestock superintendent. Arrival schedules for each species will be designated on the Show Schedule and under the species rules.

Rule 9. Release of Livestock:

All livestock must remain on the grounds until their scheduled release or load out. Release schedules for each species will be designated on the Show Schedule and under the species rules.

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. 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. No animals can be fed at the wash racks/areas.

Rule 11. Grooming of Animals:

STAR will be a no clip show. Grooming chutes will be allowed in the designated locations. Exhibitors may utilize blow dryers. Wipe rule will be in effect for breeding cattle and market steers.

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, spectator, 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. Anyone violating the Rules may be subject to penalties specified in Rule 1. 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. Parking fees are \$10 per day.
- B. Each Agriculture Science Teacher and Club Manager are responsible for their own parking passes. Official receipts will be issued, upon request, for reimbursement purposes.
- C. Two day parking passes may be purchased for \$20 for entrance throughout the STAR Show allowing 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. Checks for Premium Awards and Add-On Contributions:

Payments for Add-On Contributions are due within 15 days of close of Add-On Platform. All checks for exhibitors will be delivered 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 a \$50 stop payment fee. Returned checks will incur a \$35 insufficient fund fee.

Rule 21. Ownership of Market Animals:

Ownership of all projects will remain with the exhibitor until the project is released.

Rule 22. 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 23. 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.

AT THE DECISION OF THE STAR BOARD, THEY MAY REQUEST

Testing of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals (cattle, swine, goat, lamb):

1. The exhibitor and his/her parent(s) must be present immediately after winning and both must always be present with the animal until an adequate urine sample is caught. If the exhibitor's parent(s) is/are not available, then the exhibitor's 4-H leader or AST must be present. No exceptions.
2. Please bring water, hay or feed (as you deem appropriate) to keep your animal hydrated and comfortable.
3. If you wish to compete in showmanship, you must advise the veterinarian on site prior to leaving your animal.

Failure to abide by the above rules will disqualify the champion animal from drug testing and your placing and premiums will be forfeited.

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 (a) 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 (a) 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 24. Medications:

Rule 23 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 show official, who will contact the official show veterinarian. Exhibitors should stay with the animal in question until the STAR veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor needs 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 23 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees and any medical supplies is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Rule 25. Show Boxes and Trim Chutes:

Show boxes will be permitted inside the barn. Show boxes and trim chutes may be located around the exterior of the barns on the outside of the enclosed areas.

Rule 26. 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. 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

“Showmanship Taught And Rewarded”

Showmanship Rules & Regulations

- A. Showmanship shows will occur in the following divisions:
 - 1. Market Steers
 - 2. Market Hogs
 - 3. Breeding Goats
 - 4. Market Goats
 - 5. Breeding/Market Lambs
 - 6. Market Rabbits
 - 7. Breeding Cattle
 - 8. Breeding Gilts
- B. There will be five (5) age groups per division (age as of February 1, 2023):
 - 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 (1) 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. Awards:
 - 1. A Champion and Reserve Champion Buckle may be awarded in each age division in the Market Steer, Market Hog, Breeding/Market Lamb, Breeding Goat, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Breeding Cattle, Breeding Gilt.
 - 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.

Market Steer Show

The Steer Show will be a Prospect/Premium Show-Not a Terminal 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, secondary school or home schooled in Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club by November 1, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
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 not limited to the number of entries 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. No minimum weight limit on steers.
 - 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. **Wipe rule will be in effect.**
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.
12. Only 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
 - e. Santa Gertrudis

***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 (6) entries** to have a separate show for the breed. There must be a minimum of (6) 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. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Urine Test: (Upon request of the STAR Show)
 - a. The exhibitor and his/her parent(s) must be present immediately after winning and both must always be present with the animal until an adequate urine sample is caught. If the exhibitor's parent(s) is/are not available, then the exhibitor's 4-H leader or AST must be present. No exceptions.
 - b. Please bring water, hay, or feed (as you deem appropriate) to keep your animal hydrated and comfortable.
 - c. If you wish to compete in showmanship, you must advise the veterinarian on site prior to leaving your animal.
 - d. Failure to abide by the above rules will disqualify the champion animal from drug testing and your placing and premiums will be forfeited.

Market Hog Show

The Market Hog Show will be a Prospect/Premium Show-Not a Terminal 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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
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, 2022.
6. Exhibitors are not limited to entries in the Market Hog Show.
7. Classes and order of show (**minimum of six (6) head exhibited 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 more than 280 pounds at the 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 market hog judge will be the 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. Animals shown in the Breeding Gilt Division will be ineligible for the Market Hog Division.
15. Market Hogs will be designated for re-weighing in the show arena at a time designated by the STAR Market Hog Committee.

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16. Any market hog leaving the ring and returning later for additional judging will be re-weighed.
17. There will be a weigh-back with zero tolerance. Any market hog weighing more than twelve (12) pounds above or twelve (10) pounds below the initial show weight will become ineligible for any award. STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be considered non placing.
18. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Urine Test: (Upon request of the STAR Show)
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 - b. Please bring water, hay, or feed (as you deem appropriate) to keep your animal hydrated and comfortable.
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Market Goat Show

The Market Goat Show will be a Prospect/Premium Show-Not a Terminal 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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
 - a. Market Goats cannot have a maximum weight of over 115 pounds at time of official weighing and sifting.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. All goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 31, 2022, 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, 2023.
6. All goats must be state validated by October 31, 2022.
7. Exhibitors are not limited entries 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. Market Goats will be designated for re-weighing in the show arena at a time designated by the Market Goat Committee.
13. Any Market Goat leaving the show ring and later returning for additional judging may be subject to reweighing.
14. Any Market Goat weighing greater than five (5) pounds over will be disqualified from any awards. **STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal for the purpose of Auction. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be sifted.**
15. 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.
16. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less.
17. 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.
18. Goats must be creditable from the standpoint of quality, finish and not have been mutilated in any way at time of sifting.

19. 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.
20. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Urine Test: (Upon request of the STAR Show)
 - a. The exhibitor and his/her parent(s) must be present immediately after winning and both must always be present with the animal until an adequate urine sample is caught. If the exhibitor's parent(s) is/are not available, then the exhibitor's 4-H leader or AST must be present. No exceptions.
 - b. Please bring water, hay or feed (as you deem appropriate) to keep your animal hydrated and comfortable.
 - c. If you wish to compete in showmanship, you must advise the veterinarian on site prior to leaving your animal.
 - d. Failure to abide by the above rules will disqualify the champion animal from drug testing and your placing and premiums will be forfeited.

Market Lamb Show

The Market Lamb Show will be a Prospect/Premium Show-Not a Terminal 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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. All lambs must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 31, 2022, 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, 2022.
6. Exhibitors are not limited to entries 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

STAR reserves the right to reweigh any animal for the purpose of resale. Animals not meeting the weight specifications will be sifted.

12. Only the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring during sifting and judging.
13. No painting, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on lambs.
14. No washing or trimming of animals will be allowed after the animal has arrived at the show grounds. (*See Rule 11 of the General Rules*)
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Urine Test: Upon request of the STAR Show)
 - a. The exhibitor and his/her parent(s) must be present immediately after winning and both must always be present with the animal until an adequate urine sample is caught. If the exhibitor's parent(s) is/are not available, then the exhibitor's 4-H leader or AST must be present. No exceptions.
 - b. Please bring water, hay, or feed (as you deem appropriate) to keep your animal hydrated and comfortable.
 - c. If you wish to compete in showmanship, you must advise the veterinarian on site prior to leaving your animal.
 - d. Failure to abide by the above rules will disqualify the champion animal from drug testing and your placing and premiums will be forfeited.

Established breeds from STAR 2022 are **Dorper, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, Medium Wool. If there are less than 6 in any breed, the entries may be moved into another breed per the committee's discretion.**



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Market Rabbit Show

The Market Rabbit Show will be a Prospect/Premium Show-Not a Terminal 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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. Rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor as of January 1, 2023 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 not limited to entries in the Market Rabbit Show. The meat pen consists of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed or variety or they will be sifted. There will be no mixing of rabbit in pens once on show grounds. All rabbits must be in a wire carrying cage with lifted wire bottom. Any rabbit not in this carrier will not be allowed to check in. Rabbits must be clean and dry, or the pen of rabbits will be sifted.
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 (3lb 8oz) three pounds eight ounces but no more than (5lb 8oz) five pounds eight ounces at the sifting weigh-in. If any one rabbit in the pen weighs less than three pounds eight ounces (3lb 8oz) or more than five pounds eight ounces (5lb 8oz), the entire pen will be sifted. Rabbits must not be over 70 days at time of sifting.
 - 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
 - Missing toes or missing complete toenails
 - Vent Diseases
 - d. If any one rabbit in the pen of three is disqualified, the entire pen will be sifted. The rabbits will be marked as such. In the event one or two of the pen still meets the eligibility requirements, the exhibitor may enter one in the single fryer show.
 - e. If the single fryer rabbit exhibits any of these characteristics, it will be disqualified.
7. A rabbit pen, or single fryer entry, 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 and Single Fryer entries. 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 for meat pen rabbits 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. The judging factors for the single fryer entries are:
 - a. Meat Type is worth 45%. 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. Loins are next and shoulders are third in importance.
 - b. Condition is worth 35%. The rabbit should be in prime condition.
 - c. Fur is worth 20%.
16. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge.
17. Classes (**must have at least 6 entries exhibited 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
18. 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
19. Breed Champions of the Meat Pen Show and the Single Fryer Show will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in their respective shows. The Reserve Breed Champion from the breed producing the Grand Champion will be allowed to compete against the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.
20. Single Fryer entries ARE NOT eligible for the STAR Premiums.

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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
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, 2022 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, 2022.
6. Exhibitors are not limited to entries in the Breeding Cattle Show. A photocopy of the **animals' registration or commercial validation** papers must accompany the entry. A copy of the original registration or commercial validation paper should also be presented at check-in.
7. All cattle must be entered in the name of the registered owner only.
8. Age/Class breaks for each breed of breeding cattle (bulls and heifers) are as follows:
 - Class 1: May 1, 2022 and after
 - Class 2: March - April 2022
 - Class 3: Jan-Feb 2022
 - Class 4: Sept-Dec 2021
 - Class 5: May-Aug 2021
 - Class 6: Jan-April 2021
 - Class 7: Sept-Dec 2020
9. Cattle cannot be born prior to September 1, 2020.
10. Any female 24 months of age and older must have produced a calf or be bred, except for those in an embryo transfer program. The show reserves the right to have an animal palpated if a protest is filed.
11. Nose leads are required on all bulls, except for those shown alongside their dam.
12. Only exhibitors and Show Officials will be allowed in the show ring and make up area or on the Arena Director's stand during sifting and judging.
13. 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.

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14. 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 at least six (6) head exhibited 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 (Minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ Brahman)
 - AOB
 - ABC Commercial
 - AOB Commercial
15. 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. All animals are subject to a wipe test before entering the staging area.
16. Commercial Heifer Rules:
- a. Heifers must be validated through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show validation program.
 - b. 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.

STAR 2023 Show must have (10) pens to establish the Bull Show for STAR 2024.

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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
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, 2022.
5. Exhibitors are not limited to 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 ten (10) months of age by show time.
9. Exhibitors will record the weight and declare a breed on their declaration card. Weight cards will be turned in to the superintendent at the designated times. Classes will be determined after all cards are turned in. The Judge and the will attempt to classify all breeding hogs.
-  10. The breeding gilt judge will be the official classifier. The decision of the classifier will be final. Protests of the classification of a breeding gilt will not be accepted.
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. Only 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. Breeds (**minimum of 6 head exhibited to make a breed**):
 - a. Duroc
 - b. Yorkshire
 - c. Hampshire
 - d. All Other Purebreds
 - e. Light Cross
 - f. Dark Cross

The committee has the right to move gilts with less than (6) head into OPB/Light Cross/Dark Cross at time of show.

15. Hogs will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible.
16. First place gilts in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion
17. Second place gilts in the class that produced the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining first place gilts for Reserve Breed Champion.
18. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt
19. Breed Champions will compete for Grand Champion.

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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
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 November 1, 2022. Animals must be in the possession of the Exhibitor by November 15, 2022, 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 not limited to entries in the Breeding Goat Show.
6. Identification: Pure and Percentage Goats must have a legible ear identification number tattoo corresponding to the registration certification number and the corresponding Texas State Validation number.
Commercial Does must be state validated and have a Texas State Validation Tag and must have Texas State Premise or Scrapies Tag.
7. **Photocopies of registration and commercial validation papers must be attached to the entry application. Original registration and commercial validation 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. Classifying and sifting of Commercial Does will take place Thursday, February 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the goat arena. Bring the exhibitor number to classifying and sifting. If there are any questions by classifiers, then the Doe will be moved to the next older Doe Class. All classifier decisions are final for the show.

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12. Goats will be shown by the age of the Registration Certificate in the following order **(minimum of 6 head exhibited to make a breeding goat 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. Commercial Does
 - (1) Class 14 - Does with Milk Teeth
 - (2) Class 15 - Two Tooth Does
 - (3) Class 16 - Four Tooth & Older Does
 - (4) Class 17 - Champion Commercial Female
 - (5) Class 18 - Reserve Champion Commercial Female
 - d. Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Female Goat
 13. Any goat entered in the Breeding Goat Show is not eligible to be shown in the Market Goat Show.
 14. 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.
 15. All breeding goats, including commercial goat exhibitors, should pick-up their exhibitor numbers at the breeding goat check in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023. Any entries that are not checked in by 8 p.m. will be scratched from the show.
 16. Texas 4-H / Texas FFA validation of breeding goats is required.

STAR Show officials reserve the right to break classes down to ten head or less with the break at the discretion of STAR Show officials.

Breeding Sheep Show

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. **All sheep must be state validated.**

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, 2022, through the show period. Exhibitors must be eligible to participate under their school district's eligibility policy. The exhibitor's physical address must be in Hidalgo County.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least 9 years-old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. All entries shown in the Junior Breeding Sheep classes will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of STAR and in addition, to the following rules and regulations.
4. All breeding sheep must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep Program by October 31, 2022. Animals must be in the possession of the Exhibitor by October 31, 2022 and personally fed and cared for by the exhibitor from that date through the show, under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H Club manager.
5. Exhibitors are not limited to entries in the Breeding Sheep Show.
6. A copy of the state validation papers must be presented at the time of check-in to verify entry.
7. Identification: Committee members will verify ear tag, tattoo, and nose prints at time of check in. All entries must have a legible ear tag corresponding to the required validation records at time of check-in.
8. Abnormalities: Sheep showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical confirmation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry.
9. Sheep Age: Sheep will be shown according to tooth development. If there are less than 5 entries in a class, classes may be combined in the respective breed. Combining classes in a respective breed will be at the discretion of the Division Superintendent. There will be no appeal in this determination.
 - a. Lamb Class: All lambs must be carrying all milk teeth at time of check-in. Lambs which show either or both of their first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to be shown in the lamb class. Lambs under 6 months of age will not be eligible.
 - b. 2 Tooth Class: All sheep must show one or both teeth or first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show one or both teeth of the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in the 2-tooth class.
 - c. Aged Class: All sheep must show more than the first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show more than the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in the aged class.

10. Shearing Guidelines: Sheep must be slick shorn from knee and hock up, at time of check-in.

SHEEP BREEDS

Established breeds from STAR 2022 are **Dorper, Southdown, Medium Wool. If there are less than 6 in any breed, the entries may be moved into another breed per the committee's discretion.**



Note

Class Break Down will be by the following:

Class 1 Ewe Lamb

Class 2 2 Tooth Ewe

Class 3 4-6 Tooth Ewe

SHEEP STANDARDS CLASSIFICATION TERMS:

Acceptable: Characteristics that represent the breed.

Discriminatory: Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to removal from a breed division.

Absolute Disqualifications: Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division.

Scur: Horn growth that is not completely attached to the skull. **Birthmark:** Dark pigmented skin with dark fiber present with the margins of the pigmentation.

SOUTHDOWN BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics - Hair color on muzzle should be mouse-colored, gray to brown and match color on legs and pasterns. - Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray. - Head and muzzle should be broad and proportional to body. - Head of moderate length and in proportion to body. - Ears of moderate length, in proportion to body and covered with short hair or wool. - Black hooves. - Slight chalk around eyes. - Slight chalk around the muzzle. - Spots or speckles in the skin only when shorn.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics - Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle. - Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt. - Predominately pink nose with few black spots. - Long, narrow muzzle. - Excessive black pigmentation on ears. - Excessive ear length not in proportion to head. - No hair or wool on ears. -

Scur. - Absence of wool between scur areas. - Striped hooves. - Reddish, rust colored hair above hoof to pastern. - Black fibers in wool outside of birthmark. - Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualification - Speckled face, ears or legs. - Horns. - White hooves. - Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation. - Total pink pigmentation of nostrils. - Black lambs. - Surgical alterations other than re-docking. - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge

FINEWOOL BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics - Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these breeds. - Silky, white face. - Silky ears, medium to moderate in length. - Soft pelt. - Yellow to white hooves (neutral). - Black pads on hooves and black dew claws. - Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface. - Nose should be neutral to pink in color. - May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics - Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool. - Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose and lips. - Black eyelashes. - Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface. - Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualifications - Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt. - Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks and/or down the front and/or rear legs. - Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool. - Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose and lips. - Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw. - Solid black hooves. - Black lambs. - Surgical alterations other than re-docking. - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene. - Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

FINEWOL CROSS BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics - Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% Finewool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of ONLY Hampshire and/or Suffolk breeding. - Soft pelt which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count). - Face and ears should be soft and silky. - Spotting and/or brown face and ears. - Moderate spotting and/or brown legs not extending above the rear flank and fore flank. - Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary. - Reddish, rust colored legs are acceptable. - White-faced or ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable – as long as no discriminatory characteristics are present. - Birthmarks. - Scurs and/or horns are acceptable. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics - Excessive black spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks. - Moderate black or chocolate brown color on face, ears and legs (including wool). - Moderately coarse britch and/or harsh pelt. - Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks and/or down the front and/or rear legs.

Absolute Disqualifications - Excessive black or dark chocolate brown color on face, ears and legs (including wool). - Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt. - Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks and/or down the front and/or rear legs. - Total absence of wool on rear legs. - Black lambs. - Evidence of other breeds including, but not limited to Dorset and Southdown breed types (head and ear shape of Dorset and/or Southdown). - Surgical alterations other than re-docking. - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene. **DORPER BREED CHARACTERISTICS** Acceptable breed characteristics - Must be a Dorper or White Dorper. - Conformation: long, deep, wide body with well sprung ribs and excellent muscling. - Color: Dorper – white sheep with black limited to head, neck and forequarters not below the knee or behind the heart girth; White Dorper – white sheep. - Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm and britch. - 100% hair below the knees and hocks. - 100% hair forward of poll. - Moderate size ear with no wool covering. - Head should be strong, bold with a deep jaw. - Polled or small horns or scurs. - Spots or speckled pigment in the skin only when shorn. - Black spots above the hoof line and below the dewclaw. Discriminatory breed characteristics - Tall, leggy, shallow and/or narrow-bodied lambs. - A limited amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth not to exceed a cumulative total of the size of a softball. - A white sheep with brown or red colored speckles in the covering, confined to the head and neck. - Tri-colored sheep - Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm and britch). - Wool forward of poll. - Heavy horns. - Long, pendulous ears. - Long, narrow muzzle.

Absolute disqualifications - All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm or britch. - Wool below the knees or hocks. - Wool on the ears. - Excessive amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball. - Solid brown, red, rust colored head. - Speckling or spots from knee to dewclaw or from hock to dewclaw. - Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper. - Surgical alterations other than re-docking. - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene. - Evidence of color alterations.

MEDIUM WOOL BREED CHARACTERISTICS

This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown or Dorper breed classes.

List of Changes/Reminders/Clarifications

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Reminder on all exhibitors – You must attend a school, be a member of a club or chapter, and physically reside in Hidalgo County. The only exception to this rule is if the exhibitor is a homeschool student. Proof of enrollment will be required.

Points System for Premiums

20																1	
30	20																2
45	40	35															3
45	40	35	30														4
45	40	35	30	25													5
50	45	40	35	30	25												6
50	45	40	35	30	25	20											7
55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20										8
55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10									9
55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5								10
60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5							11
60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5	5						12
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70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5	5	5	5		16
70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5	5	5	5	5	17
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	

Class size

Placing

Class monies are awarded on the above points system. Budgeted monies per class are divided by the total value multiplied by the point values.
 Example: Class of 3 with budget of \$100. $\$100/120 (45+40+35)$. Point value = \$0.83.
 First place in that class is awarded \$37.35 ($\$0.83 * 45$)

Supreme/Reserve Supreme (60%/40% split) of species are awarded 20% of overall budgeted money

Breed/Reserve Breed Champions (60%/40% split) are awarded 15% of overall budget after Supreme/Reserve Supreme monies, plus class monies

If class is 2 or less, half money will be awarded to keep competition factor fair

All budgeted money is based on entry percentages and paid on show percentages. Includes Supreme/Breed/Class.

Each placing is paid a premium

