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2015
SHOW RULES

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GENERAL RULES

Market, Breeder, and Commercial Heifers

- I. Sponsored by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association. The GCYS Board of Directors will reserve the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle all matters questioned, and differences in regard there to. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises.
- II. Show Date: March 5 – 7, 2015.
- III. Eligibility:
- Exhibitor must be a FFA or 4-H member in Gonzales County by November 1, 2014.
 - Exhibitor must have a residence in Gonzales County or attend GISD.
 - Exhibitor must also be enrolled in school and passing all subjects.
 - Exhibitor may show in only one community show during the year.
 - Animals must be housed in Gonzales County. Any exceptions to this rule will be handled on a case by case basis. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to petition the board by November 1st for any exceptions. Any animal not at the given location stated on Rules Form can be disqualified from the show, as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - **In order to be eligible for the GCYS, the exhibitor must obtain a Quality Counts Certification number by December 31, 2014. Website: www.agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification.**
- IV. Entry Fees:
- A. All entry cards, validation fees, and membership fees are due at validation. A maximum of six animals per division. Poultry is a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 125 per exhibitor. Rabbits will be \$10.00 up to 3 head. \$10.00 for each additional entry. Validation fee of \$10.00 for each market animal entered. Poultry will be \$10.00 per pen of 100.
- B. All market, commercial heifer and baked good exhibitors will pay a commission fee of 3%. This fee will be taken out of the sale check.
- C. Breeding show exhibitors will be required to pay an entry fee at the time of validation for each animal validated as follows:
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| Beef Heifers | \$10.00 | Ewe | \$10.00 | Goats | \$10.00 |
| Rabbit Doe | \$10.00 | Gilt | \$10.00 | | |
- D. Commercial heifer show exhibitors will be required to pay a validation fee of \$10.00 per head due at validation.
- E. There will be a membership fee of \$10.00 per exhibitor to be paid at time of validation.
- F. Validation fee is per head or pen per each family. You must put each sibling's name in the family that will show the animal at time of validation.
- G. All animals must stay in place until released by the superintendent of their division.
- H. Any animal that gets loose 3 times or is deemed unruly by the show superintendent will be excused from the ring and placed according to the judge in their division. Animal will not be allowed to return for showmanship.
- V. Liability:
- A. All livestock will be under the control and direction of the Livestock Superintendents but, the Directors of the Youth Show or officials will in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the exhibitor or persons.
- B. NO ONE but the exhibitors, the official judge and the show attendants (superintendent, ring steward, etc.) will be allowed in the judging ring.

Any exhibitor whose conduct is detrimental to the livestock show could be disqualified from the show and sale, and all future shows, by the directors of the Gonzales County Youth Show Association. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule or producing a disruptive behavior/action could immediately lead up to 1 year of suspension, adult supervision at all times or termination of future shows as determined by the Board of Directors.

- VI. Exhibitors must show and sell his/her own entry unless he/she has obtained prior approval from his/her supervisor and the division superintendent. The substitute showman must be a member of 4-H or FFA. No substitute showman may compete for showmanship awards. A completed substitute form must be properly filled out, signed by all parties and submitted to the division superintendent at the time of check in. Any exhibitor found to be ineligible and has shown and/or taken their own animal through the sale will forfeit all proceeds above the floor bid and those proceeds will be refunded to the premium buyer. Any exhibitor that is not eligible under the Texas Education Code may not obtain a substitute to exhibit and sell his/her animal. The exhibitor will be allowed to sell his/her animal for market price.
- VII. No public display of alcohol will be allowed in the show barn.
- VIII. A photographer will be on hand and the show association will furnish a picture of the Grand and Reserve entry of each division to the buyer. Groups of buyers spending \$500.00 or more each toward Grand or Reserve will receive a picture. Premium buyer only will receive picture.
- IX. Directors and their children will be allowed to unload their animals prior to the scheduled time in order to work the stock show.
- X. Exhibitor must declare if they are showing swine, lamb, or goat as market or breeder at time of show weigh-in. Once declared market or breeder, animal cannot be shown by anyone else as market or breeder.

MARKET SHOW

I. Validation for all market **and BREEDER** animals will be as follows:

Steers – Wednesday, September 17, 2014	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM (Guadalupe Valley Vet)
Lambs – Wednesday, October 22, 2014	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (J. B. Wells Park)
Goats - Wednesday, October 22, 2014	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (J. B. Wells Park)
Swine – Wednesday, December 3, 2014	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (J. B. Wells Park)
Rabbits – Wednesday, February 4, 2015	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (J. B. Wells Park)
Broilers – Starting date – Tuesday, January 22, 2015	
Deadline for ordering chickens is December 12, 2014	
Halter Heifers – November 12, 2014 (Major show deadline)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Guadalupe Valley Vet)
And December 7 and 14, 2014	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Guadalupe Valley Vet)

Validation for Major Show steers will be June 12, 2014. You may validate your steer for the local show at this time. All other dates above will be for majors and local at the same time except for Swine.

All animals will be tattooed (not steers) at time of validation. With the exception of swine, which will be tagged and ear notch recorded. Exhibitors unable to have their animals validated at the time of validation must make arrangements with the County Agent or Ag. Teacher and a show board member to have their animal validated. Arrangements must be made before the original validation date.

All female lamb and goats must have USDA scrapie ID tag in ear prior to validation.

- II. There will be no more than six entries to be validated/cross-validated per division except for poultry, which will be a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 125 (per family).
- III. Show weigh-in schedule will be announced at a later date.
- IV. No pens may be reserved. Pens will be filled as exhibitors arrive.
- V. A completed drug certification form signed by the exhibitor and parent or guardians will be required prior to show weigh-in. The Youth Show Association, Inc. reserves the right to test any animal and have all livestock and poultry entries visually examined by a veterinarian.
- VI. The showing of any animal that has been administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication will forfeit all rights, money and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show. No paint, glitter or any other substance that adheres to the animal may be used for decoration at the sale. The animal must be in its natural state when it is brought through the sale ring.

The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or psychological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, and/or show management, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.

- VII. Each exhibitor may show two market entries – but not in the same division.

- VIII. To promote county bred livestock, a separate class will be held for market steers, swine, goats, rabbits and lambs. To qualify for this class the exhibitor must provide a signed statement from the breeder that the animal was bred and born in Gonzales County. This form must be turned in 10 days after validation.
- IX. Only one market entry will be sold per exhibitor unless exhibitors have Grand or Reserve in two different divisions. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold. Exhibitors must notify the Secretary of the show within 30 minutes after the last class is judged as to which entry will be sold.
- X. All resale money will be distributed to respective exhibitors. If no resale money is received the exhibitor is responsible for removing their animal.
- XI. A weight shrink will be utilized as follows for floor sale price:
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|-------------|------------|
| Steers – 4% | Lambs – 3% |
| Swine – 3% | Goats – 3% |
- XII. The show barn will be closed to spectators at 12:00 a.m. There will be a night watchman at the Show Barn at this time. No vehicles will be allowed inside enclosed area except to unload concession supplies.
- XIII. All animals will be housed in the areas assigned by the show board.

XIV. DIVISIONS

Steers

1. Show weight – must weigh 1050 at show time with no maximum weight. Floor price will only be paid to exhibitor up to 1500 pounds.
2. Steers, which have been exhibited at other shows, may be shown at the Gonzales Youth Show unless they have qualified for sale in the respective show.
3. Classes: Steers will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - a. Grand Champion – First place steers in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - b. Reserve Grand Champion - First place steers in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place steer in that class will compete.
4. All steers must be halter broke. Exhibitors not able to lead their steers into the judging arena will be disqualified and the animal removed from the show. Steers must be polled or dehorned.
5. Steers must be completely slick sheared to ¼ inch hair length prior to weigh-in.

Market Swine (Barrows or Gilts)

1. **Show weight – 230 pounds to 280 pounds.**
2. Classes: Market Swine will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - a. Grand Champion – First place market swine in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - b. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market swine in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place swine in that class will compete.
3. No oil based products or talc will be allowed for use on hogs.

Market Lambs (Wethers or Ewes)

1. Show weight – 90 pounds – No maximum weight.
2. Classes: Market Lambs will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - a. Grand Champion – First place market lambs in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - b. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market lambs in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place lamb in that class will compete.
3. All lambs must be slick sheared prior to weigh-in.

Market Goats (Wethers or Does)

1. Show weight – 60 pounds to 120 pounds.
2. Classes: Market Goats will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - a. Grand Champion – First place market goats in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.

- b. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market goats in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place goat in that class will compete.
3. All goats must be slick shorn above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, prior to weigh-in.
 4. All goats must have horns tipped blunt before arrival on the show grounds. Removal of horns on the show grounds is not permitted.
 5. Any goat showing signs of disease or external parasite will be disqualified from the show.
 6. Only small chains or collars around the neck may be used while showing.
 7. Goats may be any breed or crossbreed.

Rabbits (Pens of three rabbits)

1. Meat classes will be open to all breeds.
2. Meat pen shall consist of three rabbits of any sex, all of the same breed and variety.
3. Each pen of 3 must weigh 10 to 15 pounds at time of show. The first 3 weighed will be the exhibitor entry. No substitution of animal after entry is weighed.
4. No diseased rabbits will be allowed.

Broilers (Pen of three)

1. Starting date – January 22, 2015.
2. All broilers must be purchased from a single designated hatchery. The broilers will be a straight run. Deadline to order is December 12, 2014.
3. Exhibitors will be limited to a chick order with a maximum of 125 per exhibitor. All orders must be in increments of 25 chicks.
4. Prior to judging, broilers will be examined for bruises, broken wings, etc. Only Grade A broilers may be shown. There will be no substitutions after the entry is examined.

XV. AWARDS

- A. Steers:
First place weight class.
Second place weight class.
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- B. Swine:
First place weight class.
Second place weight class.
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- C. Lambs:
First place weight class.
Second place weight class.
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- D. Rabbits:
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- E. Broiler:
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- F. Goats:
First place weight class.
Second place weight class.
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner.
- G. Showmanship:
Any exhibitor wishing to return for showmanship may compete. Junior and Senior Contestants will be called back into the arena to compete.
Junior Showmanship – 13 and under as of September 1, 2014
Senior Showmanship – 14 and above as of September 1, 2014
Junior Showmanship – 1st place will receive a belt buckle.

Junior Showmanship – 2nd place will receive a rosette.
Senior Showmanship – 1st place will receive a belt buckle.
Senior Showmanship – 2nd place will receive a rosette.

All exhibitors must show their own entry for showmanship.
Junior and Senior Showmanship overall awards are as follows:

Beef Cattle	Swine	Lambs	Goats	Rabbits
1 st - \$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
2 nd - \$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

H. Additional Premium:

The Gonzales County Youth Show Association will award to the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion for show Steer, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Market Rabbit bred, born, and raised in Gonzales County.

Overall Grand Champion - \$100.00

Reserve Grand Champion - \$50.00

I. County Bred Award:

A belt buckle will be given to 1st and 2nd place County Bred market exhibits. (Market Steer, Swine, Lamb, Goat, and Rabbit)

J. County Bred Championship Drive:

The highest placing County Bred animal from each class will be allowed to participate in the Championship Drive. Once the Champion is chosen, the next highest placing animal from the class that the Champion came out of will be allowed in the ring to participate in the drive for the Reserve Champion.

PREMIUM AUCTION SALE

- I. Sale will be non-terminal with the exhibitor having the option as to sell their animal or not. The exhibitor must declare at the time of weigh in as to their intent to sell. The animals that do not go to the floor buyer will still sell for the premium money.
- II. EXHIBITORS may keep or sell non-sale entries (second entry). White ribbon entries will not be sold for premium. The exhibitor is responsible for the disposition of the animal. Exhibitor must state at the time of weigh-in, if the animal is going back home with them or to be put on the truck for the floor buyer.
 - A. White ribbon and second entry animals may be sold for the floor price if the floor buyer wishes to purchase them. The show superintendent must be informed, before the sale, of the tag number of animal to be sold.
- III. ORDER OF SALE
 - A. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be sold at the beginning of each representative division followed by Grand Class, Grand County Bred, Reserve Class, Reserve County Bred (with the exception if one is a red ribbon, they will sale at the top of the reds) Blue ribbons and Red ribbon animals.
 - B. Divisions will be sold in the following order: Goats, Steers, Swine, Lambs, Broilers, Rabbits, and Baked Goods. Goats, swine, and lambs will rotate one position forward each year while steers remain in 2nd, broilers, rabbits, and baked goods last.
 - C. Steers, Market Swine, Lambs, Broilers, Goats, and Rabbits
 1. Grand Champion – No limit on sale price
 2. Reserve Grand Champion – Up to \$10.00 of Grand Champion sale price.
 3. Blue Ribbon – Up to \$10.00 of Reserve Grand Champion sale price.
 4. Red Ribbon – Up to \$10.00 of the lowest blue ribbon sale price.
 5. White Ribbon – Will not sell.
- IV. Floor bids must be received by sale superintendent prior to 10 AM on sale date, March 7, 2015.
- V. Only one market entry will be sold per exhibitor unless exhibitor has Grand or Reserve in two different divisions. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold.
- VI. Sale fee will be 3% commission.
- VII. Only exhibitor, animal, and awards will be allowed in the ring at the time of the sale.

JUNIOR BREEDING FEMALE SHOW

- I. Each exhibitor may show 3 breeding animals per division with \$10.00 per entry to be paid at validation.
- II. All breeding animals will be validated at the same time as the market division. All exhibits will be ear tagged, tattooed and/or ear notch recorded. Entry cards and entry fees must be turned in at the time of validation. Registered heifers must submit a copy of registration papers with the entry card, by or prior to December 14, 2014. They must have a tattoo or fire brand if they are unregistered. All breeding animals must be present at the scheduled validation.

All female lambs and goats must have a USDA scrapie ID tag in ear prior to validation.
- III. Classes will be broken by the Show Board/Superintendents.
- IV. All breeding animals must remain in their place until they are released by superintendent.
- V. No breeding animals will be floor priced at the show.
- VI. All animals must be housed in area assigned by the show board.
- VII. Divisions
 - A. Heifers:
 1. Must be halter broke.
 2. Must be less than 31 months of age. Pair – Calf not over 7 months old.
 3. Breed Divisions:
 - a. American
 - b. British
 - c. Exotic
 - B. Gilts:
 1. Born July 1, 2014 – October 15, 2014
 2. Classes:
 - a. Duroc
 - b. York
 - c. Hamp
 - d. Crossbred
 - e. OPB
 - C. Ewes:
 1. One class of ewes.
 2. Must have no more than two permanent teeth in normal position. Discretion of judge.
 - D. Goats (Does):
 1. One class of does.
 2. Must have no more than two permanent teeth in normal position. Discretion of sift judge.
 - E. Rabbits (Does):
 1. One class of does.
 2. Doe is required to be pedigreed and tattooed; papers must be presented at validation and show.
- VIII. Awards
 - A. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a belt buckle.
 - B. A belt buckle will be given to Grand and Reserve place County Bred exhibits.
 - C. Award money will be awarded in the breeding show to Grand and Reserve overall after expenses are determined.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER AND COW CALF SHOW

- I. Each exhibitor may show one pen of commercial heifers. Two heifers make up one pen.
- II. Heifers must be weighed and tagged either December 7th and 14th, 2014 at Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm on each day. A total of five heifers may be validated at \$10.00 per head due upon validation and they must not have calved prior to or on this date. There will be no cross validation.
- III. Each heifer must be between the ages of 12 to 30 months at time of show.
- IV. Heifers must weigh over 600 lbs. at time of validation.
- V. At the time of show health papers and certificate of palpation, signed by a licensed veterinarian must be turned into the committee at check-in, or the animal will not be allowed to show in the Commercial Heifer/Cow-Calf Show.
- VI. To be eligible to show, exhibitor must turn in record book form.
- VII. Divisions:
 - A. Pair – One cow with calf is considered pair.
 - B. Bred – One bred heifer in pen constitutes bred pen.
 - C. Open
- VIII. Judging:

All pens, in each division, will be placed by the judges.
- IX. Awards
 - A. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a banner and buckle.
 - B. 1st and 2nd of each division will receive a special ribbon.
 - C. Senior Grand Champion and Junior Grand Champion buckle for Herdsman award. To be eligible for the herdsman award the exhibitor must complete a record book. A complete set of rules may be obtained from your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
 - D. A buckle will be given for Champion and Reserve Champion County Bred Pen.
- X. Sale
 - A. All heifers will be sold. (The extra that were validated that are not in the pen, will be allowed to sell after the pens are sold, if you choose. You should notify the Superintendents at time of check-in.)
 - B. Grand Champion will be sold first followed by Reserve Grand Champion. The sale order will be Pair, Bred, and then Open. The remaining pens will be sold in the order they are placed by the judges.
 - C. Sale fee will be a 3% commission.
- XI. All Exhibitors will be required to clean pens daily and after sale of heifers.
- XII. Exhibitors must be present after judging of heifer pens. A time will be determined by superintendent and show schedule.

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RULES FORM 2015

I, _____, have received the new Show Rules for the 2015 Youth Show. I
(Exhibitor's Name)
understand that this is my official notification of new rules. Validation dates and order dates are outlined in the rules. I am aware that I am responsible for validating my project at the scheduled time. I agree to follow all rules of the Gonzales County Youth Show Association.

I hereby state that my project/projects will be cared for and trained by me. My project/projects location is

(Address)

My project will be available at all times at the above location for any of the show board directors and/or GCYSA committees to view for inspection at any given time. Any animal not at this given location can be disqualified from the show, as determined by the Board of Directors and the student must be the one taking care of the animal.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Club Membership: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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2015 SHOW SUPERINTEDENTS

Broilers – Melanie Svoboda, Mitchell Hardcastle

Rabbits – Jay Pyssen, Ray Raley, Billy Parker

Steers/Heifers – Renee Rathmann, Amy Tipp, Billy Parker

Lambs/Goats – Allison Davis, Lisa Knesek, Ray Raley

Swine – Wesley Caldwell, Amy Tipp, Allison Davis

Commercial Heifers – Wesley Caldwell, Jimmy Mills, Mitchell Hardcastle

Baked Goods – Renee Rathmann, Lisa Knesek