

## **About the Hay Show**

The annual Hay Show is an opportunity for area forage growers to show off their products while raising money to support youth programs in the area.

Proceeds from the auction go to support the East Texas State Fair Junior Livestock Show, the East Texas Cattle-Ettes Scholarship Fund, and ongoing Soil Conservation programs presented by the Smith County Soil & Water Conservation District.

More about these Youth programs:

- **East Texas State Fair Junior Livestock Show**  
The Fair is committed to agricultural heritage, families and service to the community. Youth from across Texas compete in one or more of the Junior Livestock Shows each year, exhibiting their project beef heifers, steers, lambs, goats, swine and rabbits for competition. Approximately \$14,000 is paid in premiums for the Junior Livestock Show each year. The Hay Show Auction helps provide a portion of the funds for these premiums.
- **East Texas Cattle-Ettes Scholarship Fund**  
The East Texas Cattle-Ettes support youth by helping with the East Texas State Fair Junior Livestock Show and the Smith County Junior Livestock Show. Scholarships are provided each year to high school seniors planning to attend Tyler Junior College and pursue a career in Agriculture. In 2015, 7 scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 were awarded.
- **Smith County Soil & Water Conservation District** programs benefitting from their portion of hay show proceeds include Scholarship to High Point Senior in ETSF Plant Identification Contest; Scholarships to TJC Foundation targeted for Agriculture majors; sponsorship of 4-H and FFA teams to district, regional and state level contests; and providing resources for schools and other conservation programs.

### **Organizers for the Annual Hay Show, Auction and Howdy Neighbor Barbecue are:**

East Texas State Fair

East Texas Cattle-Ettes

East Texas Farm and Ranch Club

Smith County Soil & Water Conservation Board of Directors

Texas AgriLife Extension, Smith County

Texas A&M Prairie View Extension, Smith County