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TO: Art Teachers/ Teachers Responsible for Art Instruction Agricultural Science Teachers, County Agents and 4-H Club Managers Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy & Starr Counties

FROM: D.J. Wernecke, General Manager

SUBJECT: WESTERN ART CONTEST

Plans are underway for the 30th annual "Western Art Contest" that will be held in connection to the 2019 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, March 7 – 17, 2019. Over 800 students from across the Rio Grande Valley participated in the Western Art Contest last year.

Last year was also the third year of our "Toasting Texas Talent" auction. Best of Show and 1st Place of all categories were auctioned and 100% of the proceeds went back to those exhibitors. The School Western Art Contest is now referred to as the Western Art Contest, thus encouraging participation not only from schools, but from 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters.

The process for entering the Western Art Contest will continue to be done online, through our ShoWorks program. There will be a \$10 entry fee and each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter 1 (one) piece of artwork. All entries must be submitted by an Art Teacher, Ag Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or a 4-H Leader. Rules, login information and passwords will be provided to you once we receive the "Information Form" that is attached to this letter.

To insure that no exhibitor gets left out of this new process, we ask that you return the "Information Form" by November 23. If you have any questions or wish for additional information, please feel free to contact the Livestock Office, at 956-565-2456. We thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation with this new change.