

ROCKDALE FAIR

October 18, 19 & 20, 2018

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

- A. Health rules subject to change yearly. Contact your C.E.A. or Ag. Science Teacher before the show for specific requirements regarding health rules. Any unhealthy or sick animals will be subject to disqualification and removal from the grounds. The Rockdale Fair Association (RFA) is not responsible for any illness, injury, or death of a project during the fair.
- B. Each individual will be allowed to exhibit three (3) animals per market division with the exception of Market Rabbits and Broilers which will be two (2) pens only.
- C. Eligibility:
1. Junior Market, Commercial Heifer and Breeding Beef Heifer Shows
 - a. Exhibitor must be a Milam County resident attending public, private, or home school or a non-resident attending a Milam County public, private or home school.
 - b. Exhibitor must be an active member of a Milam County F.F.A. Chapter or 4-H Club.
 - c. Exhibitor must be a minimum of 5 years old and in Kindergarten as of September 1 of the current year.
 - d. Exhibitor must not participate in any other out of county "county-level" market show during the current school year.
- D. Entry Fees and Stall Reservations:
1. Entries for the Market Show will be due at each individual tag-in or pick-up. \$20.00 fee per entry.
 2. There will be one (1) entry blank per animal or entry.
 3. There will be no refund of entry fees.
 4. Stalls are limited, and will be assigned.
- E. Ownership cards must be presented at the scales at time of weigh-in.
- F. Unethically Fitted Livestock-The showing of unethically fitted livestock, the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body to alter the physical makeup of the animal including pumping, but is not limited to the following: Introduction of carbonated products of any kind, surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide, except the removal of warts or horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves. **Any animal in question or under suspicion of the above will be subject to whatever tests are deemed necessary by the Rockdale Fair Association.** Drenching is allowed.
- G. Protest against an award or eligibility must be in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, **NO CHECK WILL BE ACCEPTED**, to the Vice President of Livestock, one hour following the conclusion of the division show. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the Rockdale Fair Association. The protest committee will consist of Division Superintendent, President, President Elect, Past-President and Vice President of Livestock. The Vice President of Livestock will notify the exhibitor of the protest. No other type of protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.
- H. **All market animals can begin arriving at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, October 18. The following division and in place times are as follows: Commercial Heifers & Rabbits must be in place by 9:00 a.m., Swine by 10:00 a.m., Lambs, Goats, Steers, Broilers and Breeding Beef Heifers by 12:00 p.m. ALL park gates will close at noon, and all cars, trucks, and trailers must be removed from Fair Park to public parking areas. Rabbits, Broilers and Swine will enter in the front gate to unload; all others will enter thru the back gate by the Livestock office to unload.**
- I. No market animals, poultry, commercial or breeding heifers will be released until 7:00 a.m. on Sunday. **All animals, tack and exhibits must be picked up no later than 12:00 p.m. Sunday.** All entries must be exhibited by the owner, except when a boy, girl has more than one entry in the same class or is participating in another Rockdale Fair Event. Substitutions must be a bona fide 4-H or F.F.A. member of Milam County, by Sept. 1, must not have completed his/her secondary education, and must meet approval of the Division Superintendent prior to judging.
- J. An exhibitor ineligible, according to his/her school administration, will not be permitted to have an entry shown at the Rockdale Fair.
- K. All market and breeding animals exhibited at the Rockdale Fair Livestock Show must be trained, fitted, and dressed for show by the exhibitor, his/her parent or legal guardian, immediate family (Mother, Father, Sister, Brother), Milam County Extension Agents, Milam County Ag Science Teachers, or 4-H Leaders who reside in Milam County. Animals being trained, fitted, or dressed by anyone other than the above will be disqualified.
- L. **Shavings are permitted in show barn for ALL SPECIES.**
- M. **All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens/stalls, raking hay to the center of the aisles and removing their trash to the dumpsters or they will be put on probation or disqualified for the next year.**

- N. Violation of any Rockdale Fair rule, or misconduct by exhibitor or parent/guardian, will serve as a disqualification of exhibitor from the show for the current year and/or the following year if the Rockdale Fair Association deems it necessary.
- O. There will be NO re-weighs except for scale check.
- P. All animals will be shown at the owner's risk.
- Q. If a steer, lamb, swine, goat or Commercial Heifer loses an ear tag, notify Monica Garrison at (254)482-0294 or the Division Superintendent as soon as possible in order to schedule the re-tagging. Animals must be re-tagged before arrival at the Fair.
- R. An Exhibitor is permitted to tag a maximum of 5 animals in each division and/or 5 pens of rabbits free of charge. A \$5.00 per head or pen tag-in fee will be charged for each additional animal.

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

a. Commercial Heifers: April 7, 2018, 8:00 am to noon, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: Oct. 6, 2018, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., to be determined

b. Steers: May 17, 2018, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at ROCKDALE FAIR PARK

c. Lambs, Swine & Goats: July 7, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park

d. Rabbits: September 5, 2018, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park

e. Broilers: Order through RFA, by May 25, pick-up September 5, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: \$1.55

f. Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due July 7, 2018

- S. The family order rule will apply to all divisions. Projects in these divisions may be owned and fed as a family, but must meet General Rules and each division's rules during the feeding period and upon exhibition at the Rockdale Fair. Any project entered into the Rockdale Fair is subject to inspection by a Division Superintendent or RFA Official at anytime.
- T. **Showmanship will be in Swine, Lambs, Goats, Broilers, Rabbits, and Beef (Breeding Heifers and Steers).** Owners must only exhibit their animal for showmanship. Only animals that are eligible to show can participate in showmanship. Classes will be based on exhibitor's age at time of show.
 - 1. **Junior: ages 5 to 8**
 - 2. **Intermediate: ages 9 to 13**
 - 3. **Senior: ages 14 and up**
- U. There will be a herdsman award in Market Steer, Swine, Lamb, Goat, Broiler, Rabbit, Breeding Heifers, and Commercial Heifer Divisions. Exhibitor must keep a clean pen, free of trash, excessive droppings, dirty food and water bowls, and keep supply area close to or above their pen neat. Exhibitor must also show evidence that they are attentive to pen area and animals.
- V. Any exhibitor, who is the proud recipient of a Belt Buckle, Herdsman Award or participate in ANY Auction sales, must send to the Livestock Secretary, a stamped envelope containing a hand written thank you letter to the Sponsor/Buyer by **November 13, 2018**. Also, the picture, provided by the Rockdale Fair Association, **MUST BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE SPONSOR BY JANUARY 11, 2019**. **NO PICTURES WILL BE MAILED WITHOUT ADVANCE APPROVAL BY LIVESTOCK VICE PRESIDENT, Monica Garrison.** Exhibitor must notify the Livestock Secretary when the picture is delivered. Belt buckle and Youth Auction sale picture winners that fail to meet these obligations in the above time frame will result in a **\$250.00 charge to the exhibitor**. Herdsman award winners that fail to meet these obligations will forfeit the \$25.00 Herdsman award. **If any of these pictures are not delivered by Jan. 11, 2019, this would be a violation of the General and Sale rules and the exhibitor will be sent a probation or disqualification letter for the next year.** The Herdsman award check will be mailed to the exhibitor after picture is delivered. **Picture pickup will be in Rockdale at the Fair Office, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4th & 5th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**
Vice President of Livestock: Monica Garrison, P. O. Box 1582, Rockdale, Texas 76567 Cell: 254-482-0294

Home: 254-697-4392, Email: monicargarrison@hotmail.com

R.F.A. Secretary: Lana McDermott, P.O. Box 1582, Rockdale, Texas 76567 Phone: 254-697-1178

Sale Secretary: Cindy Hughes, P. O. Box 1582, Rockdale, Texas 76567 Cell: 512-760-0669

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DIVISION RULES

MARKET RABBITS:

Superintendent – Robin Heintze: 512-760-0060

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per pen of 3.

MUST BE IN PENS BY 9:00 a.m. Thursday

WEIGH-IN – 10:00 a.m., Thursday

SHOW TIME – 12:00 p.m. THURSDAY

- A. Upon entrance to the Fair, each pen of 3 rabbits will be assigned an individual identification number per exhibitor.
- B. Entries shall consist of meat pens only. Only 2 pens may be entered per exhibitor. 3(three) rabbits, either sex, must weigh at least 3½ pounds and not be over 5 pounds each.
- C. Pre-sift at weigh in and unhealthy or sick animals (ear canker or snuffles) will be subject to disqualification and removal from the grounds.

MARKET BROILERS:

Superintendents – Kelly Clark: 512-760-6858 and Penny Horelica: 254-652-3612

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per pen of 3.

MUST BE IN PENS BY NOON, Thursday

SHOW TIME – 1:00 p.m. – Thursday

- A. Check with your Co. Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher for order date, price, and delivery date of broilers. All birds will be ordered through the Rockdale Fair Association. Checks made payable to the Rockdale Fair Association should be sent to P.O. Box 1582, Rockdale TX 76567.
- B. Market broiler pens shall consist of 3 (three) broilers.
- C. A minimum of 25 chicks per entry must be purchased by each exhibitor. If there is more than one exhibitor per family, exhibitor may show any of the birds purchased by that family. A maximum of 2 (two) entries/pens will be allowed to enter the show per exhibitor.
- D. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to have at least one person and the exhibitor present at each of his/her pens of broilers during judging time to hold broilers for judging.
- E. Chicks will have numbered wing bands. If the wing band is removed or lost, the bird is ineligible.
- F. Broiler pen will consist of either 3 (three) pullets or 3 (three) cockerels. Pullets will be judged against pullets, cockerels against cockerels. If an exhibitor has a mixed pen, it will be shown as cockerels.
- G. Broilers must be fed and watered following the show and for the remainder of the Fair.
- H. Only 3 broilers per pen can remain on Fair grounds, all others need to be removed.
- I. No feed will be allowed in cages until after showing.

MARKET GOATS:

Superintendent- Brian Fisher: 512-567-0722

Entry fee: \$20.00 per head

MUST BE IN PENS BY 12:00 p.m., Thursday

Weigh-In – at the conclusion of Market Lamb Weigh-In

SHOW TIME- Estimated start time – 11:30 a.m. Friday

- A. All market goats will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All market goats must weigh at least 50 pounds and not more than 125 pounds upon entry at the show. All goats must be weighed upon entry at the show and will be divided into four weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. All horns must be tipped blunt.
- D. Wethers and does will be shown and sold.
- E. All market goats must be shown slick shorn from hock and knee up, excluding tail switch upon arrival Thursday at the Rockdale Fair.
- F. **All Market GOAT FEMALES must have a Scrapie tag in place at tag in.** Scrapie tags will be available for a fee of \$5.00 each.
The scrapie tag must also be in place at the show. If tag is lost call the superintendent.

MARKET SWINE:

Superintendent – Jay Willingham-512-760-5250

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head.

MUST BE IN PENS BY 10:00 a.m., Thursday

Weigh-In: 11:30 a.m., Thursday

SHOW TIME: 8:00 a.m., Friday

- A. All market hogs will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. **All market hogs entered in the show must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds, but not over 280 pounds.** All hogs must be weighed upon entry to the show, and will be divided into four weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. Barrows and gilts will be permitted to show and sell in the youth auction.
- D. NO FEED ALLOWED ON THE DAY OF THE SALE

MARKET LAMBS:

Superintendent – Blair Jones-512-996-1418

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head.

MUST BE IN PENS BY 12:00 p.m., Thursday

Weigh-In – 1:00 p.m., Thursday

SHOW TIME: Estimated start time – 6:30 p.m. Thursday

- A. All lambs will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All market lambs must weigh at least 90 pounds upon entry at the show. All lambs must be weighed upon entry at the show and will be divided into three weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. All market lambs must be slick shorn from hock and knee up, upon arrival Thursday at the Rockdale Fair.
- D. Both wethers and ewes may be shown and sold.
- E. **All Market LAMB FEMALES must have a Scrapie tags in place at tag in.** Scrapie tags will be available at tag in for a fee of \$5.00 each. The scrapie tag must also be in place at the show. If tag is lost call the superintendent.

MARKET STEERS:

Superintendent – Johnny Hill- 512-718-4771

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head.

MUST BE IN THE BARN BY 12:00 p.m., Thursday

Weigh-In – 1:00 p.m., Thursday

SHOW TIME: Start time is 2:00 p.m., Friday

- A. All steers will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All steers must be weighed upon entry at the show, and will be divided into three weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at show weigh-in.
- D. All steers must be clipped to have no more than ¼” of hair on any part of the steer body upon arrival Thursday at the Rockdale Fair. The only exception will be the tail switch.
- E. Upon arrival Thursday and during the Rockdale Fair, ONLY major show tags and RFA ear tags will be allowed.
- F. **Beef Showmanship (Breeding Heifers and Steers) will be at the conclusion of the Breeding Beef Heifer Show.**

BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS:

Superintendent: Jimmy Patin-512-269-1071

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head.

Must be in the barn by 12:00 p.m., Thursday

Show Time: Friday at the conclusion of the Steer Show.

- A. All Rockdale Fair General rules apply.
- B. Purebreds--Animals with registration papers
Crossbreds---Animals without registration papers
- C. Heifers will be shown by their breed division, American, British, Exotic and Crossbreds
All heifers must be in the exhibitors name by July 1. They must be state validated or brought to the July 8 tag in 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. with original papers. No copies accepted. A.O.B.'s must be tagged in then also.
- D. Classes:
 - 1. Heifers born 1/1/18 thru 4/30/18**
 - 2. Heifers born 1/1/17 thru 12/31/17**
 - 3. Heifers born 1/1/16 thru 12/31/16**
- E. Heifers papers will be checked after the Steer weigh-in on Friday
- F. **Beef Showmanship (Breeding Beef Heifers and Steers) will be at the conclusion of the Breeding Beef Heifer Show.**

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS:

Superintendent—Scott Heintze -512-446-6519, Wesley Janak-512-626-0511

Committee: Rodney Spence, Claude Spence, Linda Hicks, Sheree Smith, Will Butler and Clint Butler

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per pen

Check-in: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Thursday

Must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m., Thursday

Show Time: 10:30 a.m., Friday

- A. Commercial Heifer entries are highly encouraged to come from producers in Milam or surrounding counties.
- B. Commercial Heifer entries must be less than two years of age at tag-in date. Any heifer with eruption of adult incisors will not be allowed to enter.
- C. **All heifers must be Brucellosis calf hood vaccinated upon arrival for the initial tag-in.** They must have a metal calf hood vaccination tag or legible tattoo in their ear. If the tag is missing or the tattoo is unable to be read, the heifer will not be eligible to be tagged in for the show. Upon arrival Thursday and during the Rockdale Fair, **ONLY RFA TAGS and FLY TAGS will be allowed.** Heifers will not be required to be halter broken; however, the heifers must have a gentle disposition that would allow close viewing by a panel AT PALPATION, SHOWING and EXHIBITION AT THE FAIR. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- D. A pen of two heifers **MUST** be exhibited for competition. A minimum of **TWO** and a maximum of **FIVE** heifers may be tagged in at the initial tag-in. If a heifer or heifers have calves at side they may be exhibited for competition.
- E. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission rules governing entry in the Rockdale Fair.
- F. Heifers must be palpated at least 90 days pregnant AS DETERMINED by a certified veterinarian. Exhibitors will be responsible for the Veterinarian's fee.
- G. All exhibitors must bring their heifers to a **place to be determined on October 6, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. for palpation and body scoring.**
- H. All heifers must have a minimum body condition score of at least 5 to compete at Rockdale Fair.
- I. A record book of the exhibitor's heifer project must be turned in to the committee during the heifer check-in. The Commercial Heifer Expense Report must be completed by the exhibitor monthly as part of the record book for each month that the exhibitor owns the heifers. Record Books will be judged for a Grand and Reserve award. They will be judged by a panel of 3 members.
- J. **Only the top 40 pens will sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale.** Heifers will sell as a pen, with the number of heifer's times the money bid being the total amount received.
- K. In order to comply with the national law on the Beef Check-Off, \$1.00 will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.
- L. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyer and will remain sold. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements with the buyer on delivery of the heifers.
- M. All exhibitors will be required to feed, water and care for their heifers until the heifers are released to the buyer Sunday morning and must be removed from the grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- N. All exhibitors will be required to recite or read a summary of their project while standing in front of a **presentation** before their heifers are sold at the auction. The summary should focus on the heifers, their breed and sire breed.
- O. All exhibitors will be required to place a poster, plaque, etc. on their pen that identifies their name, 4-H or F.F.A. Chapter, the heifer's breeder's name and the sire's breeder's name, if known. This poster, plaque, etc. must be removed before the judge arrives at the heifer pens on Friday. After judging, the poster, plaque, etc. must be placed on the pen again. **IF THE POSTER, PLAQUE, ETC. IS NOT PUT BACK IN PLACE A \$25.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED.**
- P. Each Exhibitor must declare ownership at the palpation event and **PRIOR** to entering the chute for pregnancy determination. Once ownership is declared, it cannot be changed to another exhibitor within the family.
- Q. All Rockdale Fair Association General Rules and Sale Rules apply.
- S. There will be a Sales Talk/ Showmanship Competition in all age divisions. This is strictly voluntary.
- T. **Heifer palpation fee will be collected prior to unloading heifers and before palpation on October 6.**
- U. **Buyers reception will be held at the Patterson Center on Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. THE SALE WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 A.M.**
- V. **Stalls must be cleaned and checked by a Commercial Heifer Committee Member. If they are not cleaned and checked a fee of \$100.00 will be deducted from the exhibitors check.**
- W. **DO NOT DUMP WATER IN THE PENS.**