



2021 Junior Contests, Skillathons, & Show Descriptions

Crossbred Gilts

This show is intended for gilts suited for show pig production. Gilts are not required to be registered within a breed association to participate in the Junior Crossbred Gilt Show.

Breeding Boer Goats

Boer goats are popular for their added meat production compared to other breeds of goats.

Breeding Angora Goats

Angoras are known for their mohair and are judged on the quality of their mohair along with other physical characteristics.

Commercial Doe

The Junior Commercial Doe Show is intended for does suited for market wether production. Breeding females are not required to be registered within a breed association to participate in the Junior Commercial Doe show.

Breeding Heifers

Cattle are shown within their breed by birthdate, from calves up to two years of age. Heifers are ranked on how well they represent their respective breed in characteristics such as structural correctness, body capacity, and eye appeal.

Commercial Ewe

The Junior Commercial Ewe Show is intended to be an exhibition for ewes suited for club lamb production. Breeding females are not required to be registered within a breed association to participate in the Junior Commercial Ewe Show.

Breeding Sheep

The Breeding Sheep Show consists of six different purebred breeds including Dorper, Hampshire, Rambouillet, Southdown, Suffolk, and White Dorper. Each of these breeds offer unique traits to the sheep industry.

Purebred Gilts

The Purebred Gilt Show will include Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, and Yorkshire. These six to eight month old gilts are shown within their breed by age. Each breed has different characteristics that make them valuable to the industry.

Dairy Cattle

Multiple prominent dairy breeds, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn are highlighted during the Junior Dairy Show by Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors. Judges will focus primarily on udder quality and structural correctness along with other important physical traits.

Junior Commercial Steers

The Junior Commercial Steer Show highlights the commercial cattle industry and provides a learning experience emphasizing selection, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking and technical knowledge.

Junior Market Barrows

As one of the largest market hog shows in the nation, this is one of the highlights of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Breeds competing are Berkshire, Chester White, Crossbred, Dark Crossbred, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, and Yorkshire.

Junior Market Broilers

Pens of three broilers (6 week old chickens raised for meat production) are on display during the Junior Market Broiler Show.

Junior Market Goats

The Junior Market Goat Show has become a popular show for the Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors. Boer and Boer cross goats are predominantly shown due to their added muscle and stoutness compared to other breeds.

Junior Market Lambs

Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors show in one of five different breed divisions of the Junior Market Lamb Show; the breeds are Dorper, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool, and Southdown. The judge will rank the lambs in class to determine which lambs are eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction.

Junior Market Steers

One of the most popular shows for both Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors and patrons is the Junior Market Steer Show. Sixteen different breeds of cattle are paraded in front of one judge to determine the winners who have the opportunity to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.

Junior Market Turkeys

Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors will raise pens of turkeys for several months and select their very best to exhibit at the San Antonio Stock Show.

Junior Contests

Junior Agricultural Mechanics

Held the last weekend of the Stock Show & Rodeo, the Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show focuses on Texas 4-H and FFA members' expertise to design and construct agricultural mechanics projects and tractor restoration projects.

Ag Mechanics Marketplace Competition

Independent of the current Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show, this exciting competition will test the craftsmanship and salesmanship skills of students across the state. Every project, which can be constructed by any member(s) of the club/chapter entered will be "for sale" to the general public. Top placing teams in the competition will see their project auctioned off at a live auction.

Junior Shoot-Out

Qualifying Texas 4-H and FFA members compete in shotgun shooting sports for scholarships and prizes. In this highly competitive event, individuals shoot in Open Boys, Open Girls, Age Group and Lewis Class divisions. Winners in each division advance to the Finals Event, which allows them a full day to display their impressive shooting skill.

The mission of the Junior Shoot-Out is to promote excellence in the shooting sports and academic achievement through attention to education, commitment and gratitude.

Texas Agriculture Video Challenge

This challenge was designed to give contestants a way to share the story of Texas agriculture through their eyes. The top 3 finalists will see their videos shared on the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Competitive Events Facebook page. Final rankings will be determined by the number of reactions and shares the videos receive over a specific period of time.

Agricultural Public Speaking

The Agricultural Public Speaking Contest is designed to enhance the communication skills of future agricultural leaders as well as promoting interest in the various facets of agriculture including natural resources and policy making.

Skillathons

Beef Skillathon

The Beef Cattle Skillathon is a knowledge based competition designed to enhance the educational experience of exhibiting at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo by incorporating production and industry perspectives for the Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

Meat Science Skillathon

The Meat Science Skillathon is a hands-on and interactive competition that challenges contestants regarding their knowledge of meat science and BBQ concepts.

Sheep Skillathon

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Swine Skillathon

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