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**2019 YOUTH LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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ALL RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

*Rules & dates are subject to change. Please refer to the web site for most current rulebook.*

1. Opening day of the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF) will be April 25, 2019, unless postponed or extended by the Board of Directors. The WCYF will close at midnight, Saturday, May 4, 2019. Check out times will be 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 5, 2019, unless specified differently in departmental rules (See departmental rules). ANY EXHIBITOR WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CHECK OUT RULES MAY FORFEIT AWARDS, SALE MONEY AND THE RIGHT TO COMPETE IN SUBSEQUENT FAIRS.
2. Competition shall be limited to members in good standing in a Wharton County 4-H Club or Wharton County FFA Chapter, and who live in and/or attend a primary or secondary school in Wharton County. All exhibitors must have been enrolled in a Wharton County 4-H Club or Wharton County FFA Chapter by January 31, 2019. Exhibitors may enter any project that has not been tagged in or ordered prior to this date.
3. In attempting to comply with the No-Pass, No-Play rules of the area schools, all youth exhibitors will be responsible for their grades. The WCYF office will verify eligibility on all exhibitors prior to packet pick up. This rule will be enforced by the WCYF for kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. If the exhibitor is not passing, they will not be allowed to show their projects in the WCYF.
4. In order for home school students to show in the WCYF, they must have been passing the last six weeks for which they were enrolled in public or private school. This rule does not apply to exhibitors who have been enrolled in home schooling prior to beginning of the current school year. Home schooled students must present verification of passing grades three weeks prior to the Fair.
5. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to submit their entries online. It's fast, easy and leaves less room for errors. Exhibitors can go to [whartoncountyyouthfair.org](http://whartoncountyyouthfair.org) and choose the Online Entry link. Complete and submit the entry form and print a copy for your records. **This will be available September 1<sup>st</sup>.** Upon submission, exhibitors will be emailed an entry receipt. Please print this receipt and bring to tag-in along with your printed and signed form, payment, release of liability and W9 for (first-time exhibitors only).
6. Entry fees for all market animals and Dairy Merit Heifers will be \$30.00 per exhibitor and will be due at the time of ordering, drawing, validation, or tag-in, whichever is appropriate. Entry fees MUST accompany the entry or the ENTRY IS NOT VALID. Entries for Jr. Breeding Beef, Ag Mechanics, Open Horse and Dairy must be paid at the respective entry deadline or Progress Shows. They are \$30.00 per entry. Late entry forms for Open Horse, Rabbit, Ag Mechanic and Dairy may be accepted at the discretion of the Department Chairman, provided that a late entry fee of \$60 per entry is paid up to 10 days after the original due date. Jr. Breeding Beef late entries will be accepted until April 1, 2019, with proof of ownership on or before March 1, 2019. Late fee will apply.
7. Livestock and Poultry entries will be limited to one entry per class, with the exception of Jr. Breeding Beef, Open Horse, Ag Mechanics and Dairy.

8. Family tag-in will be allowed in the Steer, Lamb, Rabbit, Market Goat, Swine, Poultry and Pen of Three divisions. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household. An exhibitor may tag-in no more than two animals per division, excluding Pen of Three Heifers, Rabbit and Poultry (see Pen of Three Heifer, Rabbit and Poultry Rules). Each exhibitor must tag in an animal in the division to be in a family tag-in. Example: John must tag in a lamb and Mary must tag in a lamb, also the family has the option to tag in an alternate or an alternate for each child. Then exhibitors may choose any of the tagged in lambs for the show. If an exhibitor is listed on the exhibitor card for family tag-in, that child must have an animal in that division tagged in. Caution: each year some exhibitors are prevented from competing because their parents did not list names of each child separately.
9. Scales in each department are official. One scale will be used to determine the weights of the animals in that department. If for any reason there is a question about a weight, the animal may be backed off the scale, the scale balanced, and the animal re-weighed IMMEDIATELY, but only ONE additional time. No time shall lapse between first and second weighing.
10. Exhibitors should familiarize themselves with the check-in times and dates of the different departments. Exhibitors showing two or more exhibits may have to make more than one trip to the Fairgrounds, and should plan accordingly. Check-in days and times will be strictly followed.
11. If an animal dies within two weeks after the tag-in date, the exhibitor has the option of finding another animal, as long as an alternate was NOT tagged in (Excluding Rabbits & Poultry). Broilers or Roasters can be re-banded up to 10 days after pickup.
12. The WCYF Office, with the assistance of Livestock Superintendents, will assign spaces. No person shall take possession of a stall or coop without having been assigned. Shavings will be allowed in the Ammann and Johse Barn. WCYF will provide the initial shavings in the Amman & Johse Barn; if an exhibitor wants to add shavings to their stalls or pens they must provide their own. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove all shavings from their stall area or be charged a fee of \$25.00. Stalls and tie outs must be cleaned by the end of checkout on Sunday, May 5, 2019.
13. Exhibitors must have ALL stalling equipment unloaded and/or set up no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2019. Stall must be completed by Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. No vehicles or trailers will be allowed into the fairgrounds after 5 p.m. on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, unless you have a parking pass or are unloading animals on designated check in days. Stalling equipment should not include any elements that will block the flow of air in the barn.
14. All exhibitors must display signs with their name, club, breeder and/or sponsor (if applicable) above their entry, including dairy merit.
15. All exhibits must have been owned, fed, and groomed by the exhibitor since the beginning of the project.
16. The WCYF is subject to the rules of the Texas Animal Health Commission, and encourages all exhibitors to read the rules that are posted in the Office Complex. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All market animals entered into livestock competition will be subject to a random drug test for any unapproved medication or foreign substances that exceed levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. No medication or injections of any kind may be administered to any animal after check-in without the supervision of the Department Chairmen or his delegate. The delegate may be the WCYF President, Official Veterinarian, or individual Department Chairman. If an animal becomes ill after check-in, the WCYF will make every effort to contact the exhibitor or the family of the exhibitor. If

the animal is in danger of dying, and the exhibitor cannot be reached, the WCYF will use its own discretion on calling a veterinarian. The expense will be incurred by the exhibitors and not the WCYF. Each exhibitor eligibility form will include a place for the exhibitor to sign authorizing the WCYF to act on his/her behalf in case of such an emergency. The WCYF will not assume any responsibility in case of damage, death of animal, or any financial loss.

17. Feed and supplies are the responsibility of the exhibitor as specified in each department. Cattle may be fed and watered in the stalls, provided the feeding and watering is supervised and that it is done during the following times: prior to 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to noon; and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Exhibitors must clean stalls and pens before 8:00 a.m., and feed at regular times. However, all feed and supplies must be removed from aisles and the area around the stalls kept neat and clean. Exhibitors will be allowed to feed hay in the barn, excluding pen of three and goats. Hay MUST be stored in designated area and/or tack area.
18. All owners of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve the same, as the WCYF will not undertake to do so, unless specified in the department rules. The WCYF will not be held responsible in the case of loss, death, or injury to property, livestock, poultry, or possessions. Any exhibitor that neglects his or her project will be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board, which may include elimination from show and/or sale.
19. The WCYF strictly prohibits any grooming or further care for show of any youth livestock project by anyone other than the exhibitor or his or her immediate family, (immediate family consists of brother, sister, mother, father, grandfather, or grandmother), County Extension Agent (CEA), Ag Teacher (AST), 4-H Club Manager and Project Leaders (leader must be from Wharton County), or member of the 4-H or FFA.
20. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its pen, stall, or coop and exhibited for judging. Any animal in the opinion of the ring steward or department chairman that is deemed uncontrollable will be eliminated from showing.
21. No premium or award shall be given if the project or display is not deemed worthy, or if the opinion of the Executive Board is that it is not the work of the exhibitor.
22. If an animal dies before final placing, it will be ineligible for further competition, except in the Roaster and Broiler competitions, where it will be at the discretion of the Poultry Committee and Livestock Chairman.
23. The decision of the judges, and classifiers once given, is final; only if fraud is involved will the decision be debated and rescinded.
24. Ribbon premiums and showmanship premiums for Dairy and Jr. Breeding Beef will be paid in cash on the day of the show. Premium money is donated by the Wharton County Commissioners Court. WCYF will pay premium checks for Merit Heifers from contributions made to that program after the close of the WCYF.
25. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the buyer if his/her animal has had any medication with restrictions concerning slaughter and consumption.
26. All sale items must be delivered to the buyer within TWO weeks of the Sale, unless other arrangements have been made with the buyer. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. The exhibitor must deliver the project(s) as per the buyer's instructions. If the delivery is not made, the exhibitor may forfeit any proceeds and the right to any future participation in the WCYF at the discretion of the WCYF Executive Board.

27. All Dairy Merit exhibitors must be prepared to show their animal at the WCYF or make restitution of \$300 to each of the sponsors. THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. If decided by the committee, the exhibitor may forfeit as well, any participation in WCYF events. This also applies if the exhibitor is INELIGIBLE to show due to failing grades. Exhibitors must make restitution of \$300 to each of the sponsors within 30 days upon forfeiture.
28. The WCYF, its officers, or agents are in no case responsible for the loss of property, injury, or damages to persons or property. The exhibitors shall indemnify the WCYF against any legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damages or injury to any person or property caused by the exhibitor (or any animals exhibited), or arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition.
29. The Livestock Chairmen shall interpret and enforce any and all rules and regulations of the Livestock and Poultry Division of the WCYF.
30. Showmanship contests will be divided into age groups by the exhibitor's birth date and age as of January 1, 2019.
31. Exhibitors are not allowed cell phones in the judging area.
32. Any exhibitor's animal on the WCYF grounds is subject to use during in the Livestock Judging contest. When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students' judging contests, he or she will cooperate with the Show. Refusing to allow an animal to be used in this manner, without Show approval, will result in the forfeit of any prizes or such other action as the Show deems necessary. Selection will be made under the direction of the department superintendent. Every attempt by the livestock judging committee will be made not to injure or harm any animal. Animals will be returned to their prior stall on the completion of the judging.
33. Once the animal has entered the fairgrounds and has been checked in, the animal will not be allowed to leave the interior fence of the fairgrounds until check out time. Be familiar with the times on the livestock schedule.
34. ALL EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COME TO THE FAIRGROUNDS SUNDAY, May 5, 2019 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. TO RECEIVE FINAL BUYER INFORMATION. A PENALTY OF \$25 PER DIVISION WILL BE CHARGED TO ALL EXHIBITORS WHO DO NOT PICK UP THEIR FINAL BUYER INFORMATION ON SUNDAY, May 5, 2019.
35. Unacceptable conduct or failure to cooperate with directors, officials, volunteers, employees and/or security personnel of the Wharton County Youth Fair in all matters of policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
36. Any exhibitor who violates a rule in the Wharton County Youth Fair Livestock Rulebook will be subject to a penalty, which will be determined by the Executive Board.
37. All protests must be in writing, signed and brought to the designated protest area in the Fair Office accompanied with a \$100 fee. In the event the protest is upheld, your \$100 will be refunded. Acceptable protests will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.
38. All first year exhibitors must turn in a W9 form. Release of Liability Forms are required every year.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

The WCYF is subject to the rules and regulations of the Texas Animal Health Commission. On May 20, 1991 the Commission adopted rules exempting Texas livestock and poultry entering INTRASTATE shows in Texas (including the Wharton County Youth Fair) from requirements established for entry into the state. This means that a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) is not required for livestock and poultry for our show. A current (within the past 12 months) negative EIA test is required for horses. Cattle are not required to be tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis. The Pullorum-typhoid test is not required for poultry.

**DISCLAIMER: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY IN SOME WAY BE ALTERED BETWEEN THE PUBLICATION OF THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE TIME OF THE SHOW. NEITHER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOR STAFF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR PERSONAL DAMAGE THAT MAY RESULT FROM ANY RULE CHANGE AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR AMEND ANY RULE IT DEEMS NECESSARY.**

## **PARENT WORK RULE**

A parent/guardian of any exhibitor exhibiting a project at the Wharton County Youth Fair (excluding Bucket Calf) is required to work a minimum of three (3) hours per exhibitor. If a parent has helped on a committee for at least one year and the chairman has added the parent to that committee list, those hours will count for one exhibitor. It is the parent's responsibility to sign in with the chairman to receive the credit. If you have more than one exhibitor you must work the other hours at one of the places listed below. If a parent cannot work the 3 hours, they may ask a family member or friend to work for them; all workers must be 21 or older. A schedule for viewing will be available on the website in early 2019. Parents/Guardian must sign up on or before April 8, 2019. Parents choosing not to work a three (3) hour shift will be assessed a fee of \$100 per exhibitor. Parents/Guardian of exhibitors who choose not to work must make payment to the Fair Office by April 1st.

If payment is not received the \$100 fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's Sale Check. Failure to comply with the Parent Work Rule may forfeit the right to future participation in the WCYF.

This includes all directors & associate directors. No changes of work hours will be accepted after April 17, 2019. DO NOT CALL THE FAIR OFFICE. It will be the parents' responsibility to find a replacement.

Work Areas: Food Token Booth, Main Gate, Exhibitor Gate, Fair Office, Learning Center

## GOOD HERDSMAN AWARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prizes will be awarded in the Beef Cattle, Dairy and Dairy Merit Heifer departments to the herdsman, caretakers, or exhibitors in charge of livestock exhibits. A committee will make inspections to determine the winners. The following points will be considered:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of quarters, stalls, and animals, and having animals in stalls and pens.
2. Promptness in having stalls or pens cleaned by 5:30 p.m. each day and maintenance of exhibit in good order until 7:00 p.m.
3. All cattle must be in assigned stalls in the Ammann Barn from 5:30 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. and have a representative/caretaker on duty at exhibit at all times. All other times cattle must be stalled in the designated area, either assigned stall space or tie out.
4. Systematic and neat arrangement of tack, feed, and forage.
5. Aisles kept clean and clear of feed, tack and forage at all times.
6. Personal appearance of herdsman and helpers.
7. Observing all rules and regulations of WCYF.
8. Cooperating with Show Officials in promoting the Livestock Show in general.
9. Minimum 2 animals per division to be judged.
10. Cooperating with other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general.
11. Having identification cards above each stall with exhibitor's name and club or chapter.

The following divisions will be judged separately, and the exhibits in each division that are declared winners will receive awards.

A first and second place winner will be named in each division.

### **INDIVIDUAL:**

Dairy Merit Heifer

Dairy

### **4-H GROUP:**

Beef Cattle

### **FFA GROUP:**

Beef Cattle

## **AGRICULTURE HIGH POINT AWARD**

*Sign Up Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019 (noon)*

This award is presented based on points accumulated in the livestock, Poultry, Pen of Three, showmanship, Tractor Restoration (individual only) and livestock judging.

Points are awarded as follows:

Market Project points are based on overall Sale order placing.

Grand Champion - 120 points	41% to 50% - 60 points
Reserve Champion -110 points	51% to 60% - 50 points
Top 10% - 100 points	61% to 70% - 40 points
11% - 20% - 90 points	71% to 80% - 30 points
21%-30% - 80 points	81% to 90% - 20 points
31%-40% - 70 points	91% to 100% -10 points

In Dairy Merit, points are awarded as listed below. In Jr. Breeding Beef, Dairy, Ag Mechanics (individual only) and Horse, where you can enter more than one, only one entry will count. Points are awarded as follows:

Overall Champion - 120 points	3rd in class - 30 points
Reserve Overall Champion - 110 points	4th in class - 20 points
1st in class - 50 points	5th place and lower - 10 points
2nd in class - 40 points	

Showmanship and livestock judging: The highest placing entry in showmanship will be counted. In case of ties, the departments will be ranked on the number of entries.

1st place - 25 points	4th place - 10 points
2nd place - 20 points	5th place - 5 points
3rd place - 15 points	

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD, EXHIBITORS MUST NOTIFY THE WCYF OFFICE BY NOON ON FRIDAY, April 26, 2019. Exhibitors must enter 3 or more projects to be considered for High Point.



## **APPLICATION TO BE ABSENT**

### ***JUDGING - Deadline Thursday, April 25, 2019***

Exhibitors must be present at the scheduled time of judging. If an exhibitor misses his/her class or show, no further consideration will be given, and no complaints that the exhibit was over-looked will be allowed. An exhibitor may request to be absent from the show if he/she is involved in a UIL, FCCLA, FFA, 4-H event or fair event that conflicts with the show. An Absent From Judging form may be obtained from the WCYF Office or website and submitted on or before Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. It must be completed and signed by the exhibitor, parent, and principal (UIL), Ag Advisor (FFA), Club Manager (4-H) or FCCLA Advisor (FCCLA). The application will be reviewed by a committee made up of three members of the Executive Board, the Department Chairman, and a member of the Jr. Fair Board from each of the school districts in the county. The committee's decision will be final. When an exhibitor is excused from showing his/her project, he/she may obtain a substitute who meets the following criteria:

1. Be from the same school district as the exhibitor
2. Be a 4-H or FFA member
3. Meet the same school eligibility requirements as the exhibitor. The substitute will not be eligible for showmanship contests.

### ***SALE OF EXCELLENCE - Deadline Thursday, May 2, 2019***

An exhibitor may request to be absent from the Sale of Excellence if the participant is involved in a UIL, FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H event that conflicts with the Sale. Any other important event will be considered. An application form may be obtained from the WCYF Office or on the website and must be submitted on or before Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If there is a possibility the exhibitor will have a conflict on the day of the sale, complete this form and turn in to the fair office. It is better to have this form turned in and approved. It must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor, parent, and principal (UIL), Ag Advisor (FFA), Club Manager (4-H) or FCCLA Advisor (FCCLA). The application will be reviewed by a committee composed of three members of the Executive Board and a member of the Jr. Fair Board from each of the school districts in the County. The committee's decision will be final.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

### ***Due in Fair office Monday, June 17, 2019 - AWARDS and SALE OF EXCELLENCE***

Awards - A list of all livestock award sponsors will be available on the web site on the Exhibitor's page.

Sale - Each exhibitor selling a project in the Sale of Excellence (including Add-Ons), Freezer Sale, Replacement Heifer Sale and/or Silent Auction (Ag Mechanics) is required to write each of his/her buyers a thank you note.

Things to remember:

- Include personal thanks for attending the Sale and purchasing your project
- Handwritten notes are appreciated

- Each envelope should be sealed, stamped and properly addressed to each buyer
- Exhibitor's return address should be on the envelope
- WCYF office personnel will document receipt of thank you notes and place in mail
- Due in Fair office by Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>
- \$25 will be deducted from any exhibitor's check who turns in notes after June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Sale checks will not be released to any exhibitor who does not comply with this rule

*Do NOT turn in thank you notes until all buyer information has been received, including add-ons. A complete list of buyer information should be available the last week in May and will be mailed to all exhibitors.*

Below is a sample of how to properly address an envelope:

- postage stamp - upper right hand corner
- exhibitor's name and return address - upper left hand corner
- buyer's name and address - center of envelope



## **Drug Policy**

All animals shown at the Wharton County Youth Fair shall be drug free at the time the animals are checked in at the WCYF grounds, and the animal shall remain drug free during the time such animals are at the WCYF grounds.

Further, no animal may be shown at the WCYF that has ever, during its life, been administered any quantity of an unapproved drug. The purpose of this Policy is to protect the food chain and to insure a fair competition among exhibitors. As used in this Policy, the term “drug” shall mean any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive. The details of the Policy are set forth below:

### **Exhibitor’s Responsibility for Any Drug Use**

The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs, or other substances, in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor or exhibitor’s parent and/or guardian, agree that:

1. They are, absolutely, the persons responsible for the care and custody of the exhibitor’s animal.
2. As a condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor agrees to submit his/her animal to any drug test required by the WCYF. The WCYF shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug - even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor’s parents are innocent of any wrong doing and did not administer the drug and even if the source of the drug is unknown:
3. The drug test results of the testing laboratory used by WCYF, shall be final and binding and without recourse by the exhibitor against the WCYF, its Directors & Associate Directors, Officers, Managers, Representatives, Agents, or Employees.

### **Exhibitor/Animal Disqualification for Drug Use**

#### **1. Unapproved Drug Use**

An exhibitor is prohibited from showing an animal that has, at any time in its life, been administered any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulator, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals, including animals that may be destined for human consumption. All animals shown at the WCYF will be subject to random drug testing at the time of the show as detailed below.

#### **2. Approved Drug Use**

All animals that are shown at the WCYF shall be drug free at the time the animals are checked in at the WCYF grounds. If prior to check-in, an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA and/or USDA approved for that species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug on the fairgrounds. Stated plainly, all animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time the animals are judged at the Fairgrounds. All animals shown at the WCYF will be subject to random drug testing at the completion of the specific show. Please note that elimination time is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs. Under this Policy, a drug

that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for the specific species to which that drug is administered is an unapproved drug. Also, if an approved drug is administered by a route, in a dosage, or for a condition that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA, that drug, as so misused, is an unapproved drug.

## **Drug Testing of Animals**

### **Random Drug Testing**

Immediately after the show for a market division, at the discretion of the Livestock Chairmen, the Champion and Reserve Champion animal may be tested, and one per class of such market division may also be randomly tested for drugs. When an animal is initially drug tested, the test samples will be split into two samples; such that, if the animal tests positive on the initial drug test, the remainder of the split sample will be available for a confirming drug test. An Exhibitor whose animal tests positive on the initial drug test can request a Confirming Test, provided however, that the Confirming Test will be conducted at the EXHIBITOR'S EXPENSE and at a laboratory chosen by the WCYF. The Exhibitor requesting such Confirming Test must pay the WCYF for the full cost of such Confirming Test, before the WCYF will submit the sample to the laboratory.

### **Penalties for Drug Use**

**Unapproved Drug** - Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any unapproved drug will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the disqualified exhibitor shall be prohibited from exhibiting at the WCYF for 3 years. The exhibitor must attend one 4-H or FFA chapter/club meeting and speak on the use of unapproved and approved drugs and the consequence on testing positive. The exhibitor must bring a signed statement from the club leader stating that you have spoken with the club/chapter. If this rule is not followed, the exhibitor shall be prohibited from exhibiting at the Wharton County Youth Fair for another year.

**Approved Drug** - Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any approved drug will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. The exhibitor must attend one 4-H or FFA chapter/club meeting and speak on the use of unapproved and approved drugs and the consequence on testing positive. The exhibitor must bring a signed statement from the club leader stating that you have spoken with the club/chapter. If this rule is not followed, the exhibitor shall be prohibited from exhibiting at the Wharton County Youth Fair for another year.

**Emergency Treatment at WCYF grounds** - If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Grounds, the exhibitor shall notify the Livestock Chairman prior to the treatment of the animal, and the Livestock Committee Chairman shall witness such emergency treatment of the animal. Only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical, or feed additive(s) to the animal. If the drug, chemical, or feed additive (s) administered by the veterinarian prior to the time the animal is shown and judged at the Show, the animal will be disqualified. If the drug, chemical, or feed additive (s) administered by the veterinarian after the time the animal has been shown and judged in the Show, the animal will not be disqualified, but the animal MUST be withheld from slaughter for the full withdrawal time and be drug and chemical free at the time of slaughter.

**No Exception May Be Granted To This Policy** - No Director, Officer, Manager, Livestock Committee Chairman, or any other agent or representative of the WCYF, has the authority to grant an exception to this policy. Such persons, therefore, cannot grant an exception of any kind to this Policy, and no alleged exception – even if granted by such person – will be binding upon, or honored by, the WCYF, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this Policy.

**Procedure** - It is suggested that the collecting Veterinarian or Residue Avoidance Chairman assign (the exhibitor, parent or guardian of the exhibitor or agent designated by the exhibitor) to each animal to be collected. The animal to be collected will be designated by show officials (ring steward, superintendent, etc.). The Residue Avoidance Chairman or Veterinarian should explain to the responsible party what is being done by the collection of urine samples to facilitate cooperation.

1. As the animal to be collected leaves the show arena, it should be separated to the collection area. The collecting veterinarian should complete the collection information sheet and explain to the responsible person the requirements for collection:

- a. A responsible person is required to stay with the animal until all collection procedures are completed. Refusal to stay with the animal may result in disqualification and forfeiture of the placing and prizes. The collection veterinarian should clearly identify the responsible person for the animal. Do not assume the person standing nearby is a responsible person.
- b. The responsible person(s) are responsible for the care of the animal until collection is completed. The Residue Avoidance Chairman should remind the responsible person(s), as needed that at least one of them **MUST** remain with the animal. If they leave the animal unattended it should be called to the collecting veterinarian's attention.
- c. Only the responsible person should be administered any water, feed, electrolyte solution, etc... It is the responsible person's responsibility to monitor administration of such substances.
- d. Any abusive or inappropriate technique to stimulate urination should not be allowed (examples: choking, running).

2. After urine is collected by the exhibitor, parent or guardian of the exhibitor, or designated agent, the collecting veterinarian will remove two sealed urine specimen containers. The sample will be divided equally between the two containers. At least 30 cc's per container is requested.

3. The collecting veterinarian shall replace and firmly attach the lid of each urine specimen container, seal containers with evidence tape provided, and will take care to seal the entire rim of the container with one continuous piece of evidence tape.

4. Have the responsible person inspect each container and ask if the samples are sealed to his/her satisfaction.

5. Label the lids and sides of each specimen bottle with the ear tag number from the animal, and have the responsible person inspect each container and ask if the samples are labeled with the animal's ear tag number to their satisfaction.

6. Have the responsible person sign on the evidence tape and place their initials from evidence tape to lid from evidence tape to container. Have the collecting veterinarian do the same.
7. Have the responsible person sign the collection form in the column provided.
8. Unlock each lock box separately and place each specimen container in the appropriate box with the responsible person observing one of the two specimens in one of the lock boxes and the second specimen in the other lock box.
9. Lock each box immediately upon placing each sample in the boxes. The key(s) to the lock(s) are transferable only to the collecting veterinarians or Residue Avoidance Chairman, not to exhibitors, committee members, etc. The locked samples boxes should be attended at all times until transported to Veterinarians Clinic and/or Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL).
10. Upon completion of all collections for the species for the day, the locked sample boxes shall be transported to the Veterinarians Clinic. A collecting veterinarian shall accompany the samples at all times during movement, etc., until transported to Texas Veterinarian Medical Diagnostic Lab.
11. Texas Medical Diagnostic Lab officials should collect samples from the lock box. Notify the superintendent of abusive or unruly people in the collections areas. Security guards can be assigned if necessary.

Further, no letter of explanation, note, or excuse, from a veterinarian or a vocational agriculture teacher, county extension agent to an exhibitor, or to the WCYF, as to the administering of any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive to an animal shall grant an exception to this Drug Policy. No such letter of explanation, note, or excuse from any such person will be honored by the WCYF, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, or excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this Policy.

## ENTRY FORMS

1. Entry forms may be downloaded from the WCYF web site on the Exhibitors page or submitted online using the link on the homepage at [www.whartoncountyouthfair.org](http://www.whartoncountyouthfair.org). A printed copy, with the necessary signatures, and entry fee must be turned in at tag-in or by specified deadline.
2. An entry form must be completed by each exhibitor for each project entered.
3. If not submitted online, entry form should be neatly printed in INK or filled out on the website and printed. PLEASE WRITE NEATLY SO INFORMATION IS LEGIBLE.
4. Entry fee must accompany entry form.
5. Only one Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement needs to be turned into the fair office. Print one off with your first entry and turn it in at check in. Exhibitors with multiple projects do not need to turn in one with every project.
6. First-year exhibitors who have projects for the Sale of Excellence, Freezer Sale, Replacement Heifer Sale and Silent Auction are required to turn in a W9 form.
7. If you are tagging in as family, each exhibitor tagging a project in the same division must fill out an entry form. Immediate family members included in the family tag in should be listed in the Family Tag In section on the entry form.
8. If the exhibitor enters more than one project the name must be entered the same way on each entry form! Ex: Do not write Robert on one card and Bobby on another.

## AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

*Chairmen –Craig Hardin*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Monday, February 4, 2019	\$30.00 per exhibitor
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	12 – 1p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	1:30 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Showmanship, Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. A project may be exhibited only one time at the WCYF and must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
3. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used.
4. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter more than one (1) ag mechanic project as long as the projects are in different classes. Each exhibitor will be required to pay a \$30 entry fee per project. Exhibitor will only be allowed to sell one (1) project in the silent auction.
5. Projects may have been constructed by an individual or group and may be individually or club/chapter owned. There can be no more than 5 exhibitors on a group project.
6. All projects are to be identified with standard exhibitor cards. Any additional signs, banners, etc. must be approved by the Committee Chairmen. The project (entry) number must be displayed on the project in a manner where it can be easily seen
7. All projects will remain on the fairgrounds until check out on Sunday, May 5, 2019.
8. Non-essential personnel will not be allowed within 50 feet of the judging area during the judging process. Exhibitors and judges will be the only ones allowed in the show area during the judging process!
9. At check-in, the exhibitor must place a sign on the project stating their intent of placing the project into the silent auction.
10. If the project is intended to be placed in the silent auction, the Project Record Book will be given to the committee chairman at the completion of the Ag Mechanics show. The exhibitor will be required to declare a minimum reserve dollar amount that will be acceptable for the purchase of that project. The book will be displayed for the silent auction.
11. Before unloading or unhooking, the exhibitor must check with the committee chairperson as to where the project will be displayed.
12. Exhibitors are required to display a project record book along with their project. Books should include:
  - a) Full description of the construction process.



b) A complete itemized list of the bill of materials along with the itemized cost for the materials.

c) Pictures of the project from start to finish.

d) A list of any and all sponsors who made monetary contributions towards the project.

13. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell only one (1) Ag Mechanic Project in the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will begin on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Main Office Complex and will end at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Crescent Hall.

14. If at any time that the project becomes unsafe, the Ag Mechanics committee will decide if removal is necessary, or what action should be taken to ensure safety.

15. If the project displays any containers holding hazardous material, the project will not be allowed on the grounds.

a.) Oxygen and Acetylene tanks must be completely empty!

b.) Chemical tanks must be new and/or unused!

16. If the project includes an internal combustion engine requiring fuel to operate the project, there can be no more than 1/2 gallon of fuel in the tank during the entire time the project is on the grounds. The fuel amount depends upon the size of the engine. Up to one gallon of fuel may be used for larger engines. Immediately after the show, the fuel line will need to be shut off completely. If the engine is for display only, there should be no fuel in the display unit at any time.

17. If the project has a battery, the battery cables must be removed from the battery immediately after the show.

18. At the time of entrance to the grounds, all fuel caps should be secured with tape and locked if capable.

19. If assistance is required to unload your project, due to size and/or weight, equipment will be provided by the WCYF. The WCYF will not be held responsible for any damages that might occur during the unloading process.

## **CLASSES**

*Class 1* - Agricultural machinery and equipment

*Class 2* - Livestock equipment

*Class 3* - Trailers

*Class 4* - Shop tools and equipment

*Class 5* - Home and yard equipment

*Class 6* - Wildlife

*Class 7* - Truck and/or Trailer Accessories (Truck Beds, Headache Racks, Bumpers, Etc.)

## **PROJECTS WILL BE JUDGED ON:**

Workmanship: 30 Pts.

Design: 10

Material Used: 10 Pts.

Practicality: 20 Pts.

Difficulty: 20 Pts.

Finish: 10 Pts.

## **BROILERS**

*Chairmen – Preston & Mary Jane Dornak*

ORDER DEADLINE:	Wednesday, January 9, 2019	
BIRD COST & ENTRY FEE:	\$2.40 per bird + \$30.00	
PICK UP DATE:	Friday, March 15, 2019 (Tentative)	TBA
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	2 - 3p.m.
SHOW DATE	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Following Roaster Show
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Following showmanship
CHECK-OUT FOR CHAMPIONS:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Broilers must be ordered through the WCYF Office.
3. All birds will be banded bearing official WCYF wing bands. Each exhibitor will be assigned a wing band number. Only wing-banded birds will be allowed to show. Broiler chicks will be a straight run commercial type. A minimum of 25 broilers must be ordered. Additional broilers may be ordered in increments of 25, not to exceed 75. Broilers must be ordered in the individual exhibitor's name, not one order per family.
4. All birds of the same division will be of the same hatch and of the same breed.
5. It will be acceptable to show either or both sexes in the Broiler division.
6. Family Exhibitors will be allowed to show any pen of broilers that was ordered by an exhibitor living under the same household. Once a pen of broilers plus alternate is selected for show, the wing band numbers of that entire pen must correspond from within the range of wing band numbers assigned to an individual family exhibitor at the time of distribution. Wing band numbers between family exhibitors cannot be combined to make up a pen.
7. All broiler exhibitors will have a card in their exhibitor packet that **MUST** be filled out and **BROUGHT TO CHECK IN**.
8. Birds with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show. Bands that are not legible will not be allowed to show.
9. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the judge is final.
10. No person may take possession of a pen without being officially assigned by a chairman.
11. An exhibitor will be allowed one alternate bird. That alternate must be with the exhibitor when he/she checks in with the birds. Should a bird die or become injured before sifting starts, it can be replaced by the alternate. If a Broiler dies after sifting and before the final judging, the exhibitor must report it to the chairman and request permission from the chairman to substitute an alternate.

12. To eliminate confusion during the scoring of birds, observers will not be allowed in the Poultry judging area. Due to the congestion and out of consideration for the next exhibitor, each exhibitor is asked to move on after his/her birds are judged, and to move boxes or cages out of the area. Parents or two other persons are allowed to assist the exhibitor in holding the birds. However, if the exhibitor or assistant fails to move as directed after scoring, they may be disqualified. Everyone will be allowed back in the judging area as soon as the scoring and recording is completed.
13. Exhibitors will be required to furnish two 1 lb. coffee cans to be used for water and feed during check-in and judging. Exhibitors must clean their pens Sunday after final judging.
14. Grand and Reserve Champion Exhibitors will provide their own feed, and be responsible for feeding and watering their broilers during fair week. The WCYF will exercise every precaution in caring for the birds, but will assume no liability or legal responsibility in case of loss or death of birds while they are on the fairgrounds.
15. If a bird dies any time after judging, scoring, and placing, it may be replaced by a bird of similar quality for sale.
16. If there is any question about the breeding of a bird, the judge's opinion will serve as the final answer.
17. Only "Grade A quality" birds will be considered for the Sale of Excellence or the Freezer Sale. Sifted birds will not be sold in the freezer sale or sale of excellence and these birds must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after the judging is completed. Pens will not be provided for sifted birds.
18. Broiler exhibitors will take all broilers home after judging. ONE Grand Champion and ONE Reserve Champion Broiler must remain at the fairgrounds until check-out date.
19. All birds are subject to drug testing.
20. Broilers will sell as individual lots in the Sale of Excellence.
21. Broilers will be released by the check-out schedule only. ALL BROILER EXHIBITORS will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule.

#### **LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP (Age as of Jan. 1, 2019)**

Jr. 8-10                      Inter. 11-13                      Sr. 14 and older

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1. Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the birds.
2. Exhibitors are required to show their own poultry during showmanship.

## **BUCKET CALF**

*Chairmen: Dawn Smith & Kim Marek*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Monday, March 4, 2019	\$10.00 per entry
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	12 - 2p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	3 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	1 hour after the show

The purpose of this program is to teach the future exhibitors who are not old enough for a market project the responsibility of raising and caring for a calf. Open to any youth ages 5-8 years of age as of January 1, 2019 and not showing any other project in the WCYF.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Calves must be born between January 1, 2019 and March 1, 2019.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only one calf.
4. The show will be held in the Johnson Arena. This will also serve as the tie out area for these calves.
5. Bucket calf judging will be on the appearance of the animal and the child as well as the ability to handle the calf.
6. All calves must be on a bucket or bottle. (NO Nurse Cows)
7. All calves must be halter broke.
8. If the calf becomes uncontrollable and the child cannot handle the animal they will be taken out of the show ring for the safety of our other exhibitors.
9. Calf may be any sex or breed.
10. All Bucket calves will be assigned to a specific area in the Johnson Arena by the livestock superintendents and must be in place one hour before the Show.
11. All exhibitors will receive prizes.
12. Bucket calves are not eligible for the Sale of Excellence.
13. NO PASS/NO PLAY rule applies to all exhibitors.
14. Exhibitors will be required to keep their areas neat and clean while animals are on the fairgrounds.
15. Texas dairy cattle, regardless of age or sex, MUST be identified prior to movement in Texas.

## COMMERCIAL HEIFER

*Chairmen: Clint Kalina & Keith Jedlicka*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, October 20, 2018	8 - 9 a.m./\$30
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	12 - 1 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Tuesday, April 30, 2019	10 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.

Open to AOB & ABC

1. Exhibitor must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock Schedule.
2. All heifers must be tagged in and weighed on Saturday October 20, 2018. All heifers will be weighed on the same scale. Heifers cannot weigh more than 750 pounds at tag-in. If any animal weighs over the 750 pound maximum it may be backed off one time and immediately re-weighed.
3. Heifers must be Bangs vaccinated at tag-in.
4. Each exhibitor may tag-in only 1 heifer. Family tag-in will be allowed.
5. If a calf dies within two weeks of the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another calf.
6. Heifers must be born between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.
7. All Heifers will be classified at the WCYF Check in by a three (3) person committee. To be classified in the Brahman Influence, the heifer must show at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brahman Characteristics. The Heifer Committee will have the discretion to combine the ABC and AOB Classes.
8. At check-in Exhibitors must furnish a palpation certificate on heifer from a licensed veterinarian. NO blood test will be accepted. Palpation certificates must be dated April 1st or later.
9. The Commercial Heifer Show will be Blow and GO. Meaning for Blow & Go: The animal can be washed, dried, brushed, and go to the ring. No grooming products can be used.
10. Heifers will be weighed at Fair Check-in. The Commercial Heifer Chairmen will appoint a committee to establish classes from the weights. There may be only 1 class or there can be multiple classes. In the event that there is more than 1 class, each class will be placed. The winners of each class will compete for Champion Commercial Heifer. The second place animal from the Champion's Class will be considered for Reserve Champion.
11. Except for Grand and Reserve Champions, all heifers are required to return to show ring for sale order placement after the completion of the show. They will be lined up by classes in the order they were placed.
12. The OVERALL Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer are required to sell in the Sale of Excellence. The sale of other heifers is optional. Exhibitors who do not wish to sell their heifer must scratch them from the Sale of Excellence. The deadline for scratching from the Sale of Excellence is one

hour after the last Market Show results are posted. Heifers that do not make the Sale of Excellence may be entered into the Replacement Heifer Sale. The deadline for entering a heifer in the Replacement Heifer Sale is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

13. Any heifer that has calved will not be eligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.

14. If a Heifer loses its ear tag, exhibitor must notify their Ag Science Teacher or 4-H Advisor, and the Commercial Heifer Chairman immediately. The animal must be tagged to show and the old tag turned in.

15. During the WCYF, only the exhibitor or approved substitute may enter the ring and show the Heifer. (See "General Livestock and Poultry Rules")

ABC	AOB	Overall
Classes	Classes	Grand Champion
Champion ABC	Champion AOB	Reserve Champion
Reserve ABC	Reserve AOB	

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- a. Showmanship will be judged as a separate class.
- b. Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.

## DAIRY

*Chairmen – Grace Glaze, Ross Glaze, Mike Smaistrila & Scott Valenta*

PAPER CHECK & PROGRESS SHOW	February 24, 2019	1:30 p.m.
ENTRY FEE DUE:	February 24, 2019	\$30.00 per head
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	12 - 1 p.m.
COWS IN MILK:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	7 - 8 a.m.
SHOW DATE:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	10 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. All Dairy Cattle and exhibitors must attend and participate in the Progress Show on February 24, 2019, unless the Dairy Committee Chairman has been approved an excused absence form.
3. All animals must be dehorned prior to Progress Show on February, February 24, 2019.
4. Texas dairy cattle, regardless of age or sex, must be identified prior to movement in Texas.
5. Exhibitors must check-in with the Dairy Committee upon arrival at the WCYF and prior to taking animals home.
6. Exhibitors must have ownership of the animals 5 months prior to the show. Only PROMINENT Dairy breeds will be allowed to shown (Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, Brown Swiss).
7. Registration papers, if applicable, should be presented at the time of check-in. If an exhibitor has more than one animal per class, another Dairy exhibitor can show it. Dairy Committee may split classes, if necessary.
8. Where competition does not exist, animals will be scored on a classification according to the standards of the breed, and awarded ribbons and premiums based on merit.
9. Exhibitors are required to feed and water their own animals and keep their area neat and clean. Dairy animals will be stalled together.
10. Exhibitors must wear appropriate dress while showing: white shirt, white jeans or slacks, and black tie.
11. Only blue ribbon animals are eligible for Champion, the first place in each class is able to compete for Champion. The second place animal from the champions' class will be brought in for judging of Reserve Champion at the judge's discretion.
12. Premiums for the Dairy Show are: Blue ribbons - \$30, Red - \$25  
Showmanship Premiums are: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, and 3rd - \$10
13. All Dairy exhibitors are encouraged to return to the ring for Showmanship.

14. Cows in milk may go home after they show.
15. Current year Dairy Merit heifers may not show in this department.
16. All Dairy Cattle must be in their assigned stalls in the Ammann Barn from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.
17. All Dairy Exhibitors must clean out stalls and tie outs on Sunday, May 5, 2019 or be charged a fee of \$25.00.
18. Substitutions can be made by submitting a completed official entry form with the word "Substitution" printed thereon and a copy of registration papers, if applicable, by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Final substitutions will be accepted after April 1<sup>st</sup> by same method, up to one week prior to show date with a \$50 substitution fee.

#### CLASSES

311 Heifers born 9/1/18 - 11/1/18	321 Sr. Two Year Old Cows 9/1/16 - 11/30/16 (Including young animals that have freshened)
312 Heifers born 6/1/18 - 8/31/18	322 Three Year Old Cow 9/1/15 - 8/31/16
313 Heifers born 3/1/18 - 5/31/18	323 Four Year Old Cow 9/1/14 - 8/31/15
314 Heifers born 12/1/17 - 2/29/18	324 Five Year Old Cow and Older 9/1/13- 8/31/14
315 Heifers born 9/1/17 - 11/30/17	325 Champion Sr. Female
316 Heifers 6/1/17-8/31/17 (not in milk)	326 Reserve Champion Sr. Female
317 Heifers 3/1/17-5/31/17 (not in milk)	338 Grand Champion Female
318 Heifers 12/1/16 -2/28/17 (not in milk)	339 Reserve Champion Female
319 Jr. Champion Female	
320 Reserve Jr. Champion	

#### **Livestock Showmanship** (Age as of Jan. 1, 2019)

Jr. 8-10                      Inter. 11-13                      Sr. 14 and older

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Showmanship will be judged as a separate class.

Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.



## DAIRY MERIT HEIFERS

*Chairmen – Grace Glaze, Ross Glaze, Mike Smaistrila & Scott Valenta*

VALIDATION & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, October 13, 2018	8 - 9 a.m./\$30.00
PROGRESS SHOW:	Sunday, February 24, 2019	1:30 p.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	12 - 1 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	10:30 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

The purpose of the Dairy Merit Program is to develop interest and enthusiasm in the WCYF Dairy Department and to provide participants interested in raising a project for the WCYF an opportunity to participate in a breeding program. This program is not a terminal project; that is, it is not designed for ending with the sale of the animals. Rather, it is hoped that the award of a Dairy Merit Heifer will be the basis for many years of participation in the WCYF. After the initial Dairy Merit Show, the Dairy Merit Heifer can be shown in the regular Dairy classes for years to come.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. In addition to WCYF eligibility requirements, applicants must be a 4-H or FFA member, prior to submitting an application. 4-H Clover kid's years will not be recognized. To enter, a member must submit an application and essay, entitled "Why I Want a Dairy Merit Heifer." Applications are available through the WCYF Office. The essay must include how many years they have previously had a Dairy Merit Heifer. Exhibitors may have a "Dairy Merit" certificate no more than two times or at the committee's discretion.
3. Essays must be submitted to the WCYF office by the due date set by the committee. Deadline is generally late June.
4. Applicants who are selected for the Merit Award must adhere to certain guidelines. Parents must sign the applicant's application indicating commitment to the following rules:
  - a. Participants will properly care for, feed and train their heifer.
  - b. Participants must show their heifer at the WCYF, the heifer **MUST** remain on the fairgrounds until Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Participants will also keep thorough and accurate monthly records, mailing copies to their sponsors, ag teacher/extension agent and the Fair office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. **IF AN EXHIBITOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN THE FAIR AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE RESTITUTION OF \$300 TO EACH SPONSOR.**
  - d. Dairy Merit exhibitor **MUST** turn in a record book following the guidelines listed:
    1. Nice exterior cover
    2. Inside cover page with your name, animal name, club/chapter name.
    3. Table of Contents with corresponding tabs
      - Monthly expense reports

- Monthly correspondence to and from donor
  - Pictures relating to project
- e. Scholarships will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place record book winners.
- f. Record books are due in the Fair office by Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

5. Participants must have their heifers validated Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.

6. Participants may miss only one learning lab scheduled by the committee.

7. Dairy Merit exhibitors and Dairy Merit Heifers must attend and participate in the Progress Show on Sunday, February 24, 2019 unless a Dairy Merit Committee Chairman has approved an excused absence.

8. The Dairy Merit Committee will select the recipients and assign sponsors no later than August 15.

9. Award winners will be notified and mailed a \$600 certificate no later than August 15. They may use the certificate to purchase a Dairy Heifer, registered or non-registered purebred. Only prominent Dairy breeds will be allowed (Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, and Brown Swiss). The heifers must have been born between March 1 and May 31, 2018. All Merit Heifers for 2019 will show together in class 301.

10. All heifers must be de-horned by November 1, 2018.

11. Be prepared to show the heifer at the WCYF OR make restitution of \$300 to each of the sponsors, AND NOTIFY THE DAIRY MERIT HEIFER CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY. If decided by the committee, the exhibitor may forfeit as well, any participation in WCYF events. This also applies if the exhibitor is INELIGIBLE to show due to failing grades. Exhibitors must make restitution of \$300 to each of the sponsors within 30 days upon forfeiture. Checks must be sent to the Wharton County Youth Fair office.

12. Registration papers, if applicable, must be presented at check-in.

13. Texas dairy cattle, regardless of age or sex, must be identified prior to movement in Texas.

14. Dairy Merit Heifers will be stalled together with a sponsor's sign placed in prominent view for all WCYF visitors, heifers must be in the stalls in the Ammann Barn from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

15. Exhibitors must wear appropriate dress: white shirt, white jeans or slacks, and black tie.

16. All Dairy Exhibitors must clean out stalls and tie outs on Sunday, May 5, 2019 or be charged a fee of \$25.00.

17. All heifers must remain on the fairgrounds until checkout on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

## **LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP**

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All ages will show together. Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.

## HORSE

*Chairmen – Melissa Locke, Lora Cline & Marty Rosenquest*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Thursday, February 21, 2019	\$30 per horse
<i>Or brought to the</i> PROGRESS SHOW:	Sunday, February 24, 2019	2 p.m.
CHECK-IN/SHOW DATE:	Monday, April 29, 2019	9 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Monday, April 29, 2019	after show

The purpose of the Horse Show is to provide an outlet for 4-H and FFA members to care for, show, and ride their horses. Exhibitors may participate in the Horse Show in a halter or performance class.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Youth participating in the WCYF Horse Show must sign up at the Progress Show on February 24, 2019 or before in the fair office. Late entries may be taken according to the General Rules (Ref. Rule #5)
3. Horses entered at the Progress Show may not be changed except for injury to the horse. A letter must be submitted to the Horse Committee no later than 24 hours before the Horse Show date which explains the injury, and declares the substitute horse entry. Approval must be received from the Horse Committee before being allowed to show.
4. Points for the High Point award will be kept on one horse and rider team. Other horses may be shown in classes where the horse competes individually. The High Point award will be given to the team with the most points earned in classes 811 – 866. Speed events will not be included in the High Point.
5. All Horses must be family owned. Horses not family owned may be shown if approved by the horse committee.
6. Classes may be changed depending on the number of participants.
7. Participants may only count for the Agriculture High Point Award from the class that they score the highest on.
8. Horses will not sell in either sale.
9. No Stallions can be shown in any class, except for the Yearling classes.

811 Halter Yearlings	832 Showmanship Sr.	861 Western Pleasure Int.	868 Straight Barrel Int.
812 Halter 2-4 Year Olds	840 Yearling in Hand	862 Western Pleasure Sr.	869 Straight Barrel Sr.
813 Halter Mares 5 Years and Older	856 Trail Horse Jr.	864 Horsemanship Jr.	870 Clover Leaf Barrel Jr.

814 Halter Geldings 5 years and Older	857 Trail Horse Int.	865 Horsemanship Int.	871 Clover Leaf Barrel Int.
830 Showmanship Jr.	858 Trail Horse Sr.	866 Horsemanship Sr.	872 Clover Leaf Barrel Sr.
831 Showmanship Int.	860 Western Pleasure Jr.	867 Straight Barrel Jr.	

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## **JR. BREEDING BEEF (HEIFERS/COWS)**

*Chairmen – Roger Anderson & Charolette Atkinson*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Monday, February 25, 2019	\$30 per animal
LATE ENTRY DEADLINE:	Monday, April 1, 2019	\$60 per animal
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
SHOW DATE:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	2 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	1 hour after the show

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Exhibitors must have their entry forms and fees in the fair office between January 4 and February 25, 2019. All entry fees must be paid at the time entries are handed in. Entries are required to have been owned by March 1st. Copy of the registration papers and/or proof of ownership in the exhibitor's name only will be required.
3. Substitution of heifers entered in the Jr. Breeding Beef show will not be allowed. There are no limits to the number of entries per exhibitor. Anticipated needs for 'substitution' or 'alternate' entries should be considered at the time of entry. The Jr. Breeding Beef Committee recommends entering anticipated 'substitutes' or 'alternates' that qualify by the entry deadline.
4. Only females will be shown. Heifers born before September 1, 2016 or later than October 31, 2018 will not be eligible for the 2019 Show.
5. Heifers entered in the Commercial Heifer Show are not eligible to enter the Jr. Breeding Beef Show. These heifers will be eligible to participate in the Jr. Breeding Beef Show the following year, if exhibitor retains ownership of their Heifer and all other qualifications are met.
6. Animals shown as purebred must be registered in the appropriate breed registry and be in compliance with that registry. Exhibitors showing registered animals will be required to produce registration papers on their animals for inspection by the chairman of the department. A copy of the original registration paper for the WCYF file will be required when entering the show.
7. The committee will establish divisions and classes based upon the numbers of entries and breeds. A single head constitutes a breed and will be shown as a Breed Class.
8. The WCYF has established the following Breed Divisions and Classes:
  - a) Registered Brahman (Grey and Red)
  - b) American Breeds (Beefmaster, Braford, Black Brangus, Red Brangus, Charbray, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, etc.)
  - c) English Breeds (Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn)
  - d) Continental Breeds (Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Braunvieh, Limousine, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, Pinzgauer.)

e) ABC – American Breeds and Crosses - includes non-purebred heifers of Bos indicus type (Brahman). These heifers will show in the American Division, all as one breed.

f) AOB – All Other Breeds - includes non-purebred heifers of Bos Taurus type (no Brahman influence). These heifers will show in the Continental Division, all as one breed.

9. Class breaks for the 2019 Show will be established by the following birth dates:

September 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018	May 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017
May 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018	January 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017
January 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018	September 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016
September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	

10. Premiums money is sponsored by Commissioner’s Court: 1st Place - \$30, 2nd Place - \$25, 3rd Place - \$20, and 4th Place - \$15, Showmanship are: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$15, and 4th - \$10

11. Jr. Breeding Beef show will be Blow and Go only. Meaning the animal can be washed, dried, brushed, and go to the ring. No grooming products can be used.

CLASSES - Will be determined by the number of breed and ages of heifers/cows.

**LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP** (Age as of Jan 1, 2019)

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a. Showmanship will be judged as a separate class.

b. Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.

## LAMBS

*Chairman – Dawn Smith*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	6:30 - 7:30 p.m./\$30
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Tuesday, April 30, 2019	12 – 12:30 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Tuesday, April 30, 2019	2 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. An exhibitor may tag-in no more than two Lambs; the tag number will be recorded in a specific name. (Refer to "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations" # 7 for Family tag-in). Untagged Lambs will not be shown at the WCYF. If an animal loses a tag, the Lamb committee should be notified immediately.
3. Milk teeth will be checked and must be in place at the tag-in on November 13, 2018.
4. Only fine wool, medium wool or fine wool cross will be allowed to show. This show is open to females or wethers. Any female showing signs of pregnancy at the show will be disqualified (pregnancy may be determined by the Show Judge or Lamb Committee).
5. All Ewe lambs must have scrapes tags in the ear at tag-in. If lamb does not have a scrapes tag it will not be allowed to tag-in.
6. If a lamb dies within two weeks of the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another lamb, unless an alternate lamb was tagged in.
7. All lamb exhibitors will have a card in their exhibitor packet that must be filled out and brought to check-in. (Refer to rule #8 in "General Livestock Rules & Regulations".)
8. If a lamb is family tagged, the exhibitor must decide which lamb he/she will show before the cards are turned in. Once the cards have been turned into the committee it will be official and the exhibitor must show that lamb. Be sure the tag number and name on the card matches the exhibitor.
9. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their own Lambs while on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to keep the area around their pens neat and clean.
10. Lambs will be divided into three weight classes based on their weights at check-in with approximately the same number in each class.
11. Sifting will be performed at the Judge's discretion for projects showing evidence of not having proper care. This will be sifting on neglect; sifted lamb will not sell.
12. NO OIL PRODUCT OF ANYKIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ANIMAL.
13. All LAMBS will be kept on the ground the week of the fair.

14. ALL LAMB EXHIBITORS are required to come to the Fairgrounds Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8 to 9 a.m. to pick up their lambs. Once all lambs have been checked out, exhibitors may clean pens. Exhibitors must also pick up final buyer information and disposition instructions at this time. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply.

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Jr. 8-10          Inter. 11-13          Sr. 14 and older

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Exhibitors are required to show their own animal.



## MARKET GOATS

*Chairmen – Terry Brandl, Susan George, Dr. Keith Ermis & Dawn Smith*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	6:30 - 7:30 p.m./\$30
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019	7 – 8 a.m.
SHOW DATE:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019	10 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. This show is open to any breed or crossbred female (unbred) or wether goat. Any female showing signs of pregnancy at show will be disqualified. (The judge or the Market Goat Committee will determine Pregnancy.)
3. All goats must be tagged and validated by the Market Goat Co-Chairmen and their Committee.
4. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any goat that has been implanted will be disqualified.
5. All goats must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
6. All goats must have both milk teeth in normal position at tag-in, with no permanent teeth protruding.
7. All male goats must be wethers at tag-in.
8. An exhibitor may tag-in no more than two goats, and the tag number will be recorded in a specific name. (Refer to "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations" #8 for Family Tag-in). Untagged goats will not be shown at the WCYF. If an animal loses a tag, the Market Goat Co-Chairmen should be notified immediately. Only one goat can be shown at fair time.
9. If a goat dies within two weeks after the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another goat, unless an alternate goat was tagged.
10. If a goat is family tagged, the exhibitor must decide which goat he/she will show before the goat crosses the scale. Once the goat has been weighed it will be official and the exhibitor must show that goat.
11. Goats must be summer clipped; stockings will be allowed.
12. Goats must be shown using a show chain. Leashes no longer than 12 inches may be used with the chain
13. Bracing of goats will be allowed.
14. Each exhibitor must be able to show his or her own Goat unassisted.
15. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their own Goats. They must be removed from the barn and fed individually so other goats do not get the wrong feed. **NO HAY WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GOAT PENS.**

16. NO OIL PRODUCT OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ANIMAL.

17. All goats will be required to stay on the fairgrounds the week of the fair and in ASSIGNED pens designated by goat committee.

18. All exhibitors are expected and required to keep their pens and surrounding area clean at all times.

19. ALL GOAT EXHIBITORS are required to come to the Fairgrounds Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8 to 9 a.m. to pick up their goats. Once all goats have been checked out, exhibitors may clean pens. Exhibitors must also pick up final buyer information and disposition instructions at this time. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply.

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## PEN OF THREE HEIFERS

*Chairmen –Richard Lockley & Wyatt Ernest*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, October 13, 2018	\$30
	<i>Wharton Livestock Auction Barn</i>	8 - 10 a.m.
MANDATORY MEETING:	Wednesday, April 24, 2019	TBA
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019	7 – 8 a.m.
INTERVIEW/SHOW	Wednesday, May 1, 2019	9 a.m./2 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Thursday, May 2, 2019	7 – 8 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock Schedule.
2. Pen of Three Heifers must be assigned to a pen; three to five heifers constitute a pen. Only three heifers will be eligible to be shown. Example: At tag-in heifers must be assigned to a family member/individual exhibitor. Those heifers must stay in that pen but the family member exhibitor may switch pens. Example: Tom, Mary, and Sue checked in pens #1, 2 and 3 respectfully. Tom is a Sr. this year and Sue's pen is the better set of heifers so at check-in the family decides to let Tom show her pen and she will show his pen.
3. Each family may have one alternate, not to exceed five heifers per pen, including the alternate. An exhibitor is allowed to show any pen under that family name. Example: If you tag in more than 3 heifers per pen your alternate is in that pen. Example: Tom and Mary Jones each tag in a pen of heifers. Tom's pen has 4 heifers and Mary's has 5 heifers. Therefore the pen in Tom's name will have to choose three heifers from the four in that pen. The pen in Mary's name will have to choose three heifers from the five in that pen. You cannot take one heifer from Tom's pen to Mary's pen. Example: Tom, Mary and Sue Jones each tag in a pen of heifers. Tom's pen has 4 heifers, Mary's and Sue's has 3 heifers. One of the heifers in Tom's pen can be used in either Mary's or Sue's pen but the heifer that the alternate replaces cannot go to another pen.
4. ALL heifers must have all baby teeth at tag in and will be checked by the committee.
5. Animals may be grazed or fed, and will be judged as replacement heifers.
6. Heifers **DO NOT** have to be vaccinated for Brucellosis. Palpation certificate must be turned in at mandatory meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Exhibitor will be disqualified if this certificate is NOT turned in. No exceptions!
7. Classes will be divided into Bred Class or Open Class. All exhibitors must designate bred or open at the mandatory meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. If the exhibitor has any heifers in their pen that is bred the pen will show in bred Class.
8. Exhibitors must furnish a palpation certificate on ALL heifers open or bred from a licensed veterinarian. NO blood test will be accepted. Heifers must be palpated April 1st or later.

9. Individual heifers that have calved before check-in at the fair will not be eligible to show. If a heifer calves after check-in while on fairgrounds, heifer can still be shown.
10. Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview beginning at 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Exhibitors are NOT allowed to take anything into the interview with them.
11. If the Heifers are deemed unsafe by the Committee & Livestock Superintendents the cattle will not be judged in the show ring but will be judged in their assigned pens.
12. Exhibitors may not use hay for bedding or feed during the WCYF. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to clean his/her pen and alley daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his or her pens ready after the mandatory meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2019 and before check-in day.
13. The OVERALL Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Three are required to sell in the Sale of Excellence. The sale of other pens is optional. Exhibitors who do not wish to sell their heifers must scratch them from the Sale of Excellence. The deadline for scratching from the Sale of Excellence is one hour after the last Market Show results are posted. Heifers that do not make the Sale of Excellence may be entered into the Replacement Heifer Sale. The deadline for entering heifers in the Replacement Heifer Sale is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.
14. All exhibitors who do not want to sell their heifers in the Sale of Excellence or Replacement Heifer Sale will be checked-out Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
15. The J.B. Gary Memorial Award is given to the Pen of Three exhibitor that excelled during his/her interview. This award will be announced at the Pen of Three Heifer Show.

**Interviews** (Age as of Jan 1, 2019)

Jr. 8-10                      Inter. 11-13                      Sr. 14 and older

## RABBITS

*Chairmen –Diann Srubar & Shannon Srubar*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Monday, March 4, 2019	\$30.00
TATTOO DATE:	Monday, March 18, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.
SHOW DATE:	Monday, April 29, 2019	9:15 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Only New Zealand and California breeds may be shown at the WCYF.
3. All bunnies will be tattooed bearing official WCYF tattoo and a number in the left ear. Each exhibitor will be assigned a number. Only tattooed rabbits will be allowed to show. Exhibitors will be allowed to tattoo a maximum of 10 bunnies.
4. WCYF will follow the ARBA rulebook and have a certified ARBA judge for judging at the fair.
5. Family Exhibitors will be allowed to show any pen of rabbits that was tattooed by an exhibitor living under the same household. Once a pen of rabbits plus alternate is selected for show, the tattoo numbers of that entire pen must correspond from within the range of tattooed numbers assigned to an individual family exhibitor at the time of tattoo date. Tattooed numbers between family exhibitors cannot be combined to make up a pen.
6. The alternate must be present for the weigh-in, even if it is not used. The exhibitor may use the alternate, if for any reason the sifting committee eliminates one of the three Rabbits the exhibitor plans to show. The substitution is at the discretion of the sifters, and the exhibitor must comply with their decision.
7. A pen of three Fryers should not be over 70 days old at show time and must weigh between 3 ½ lbs. and 5 ½ lbs. There will be no tolerance. The pen may be composed of either or both sexes.
8. Health certificates are not required; however, any entry showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, sore hocks, sign of cold or snuffles, ear canker, mites, mange, vent disease, sore and runny eyes, broken teeth and toenails, or other contagious or disqualifying features will be excluded from exhibition. No stock, except in the above instances, will be removed from the exhibition area until the close of the Rabbit Show.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for transporting, handling, feeding, watering, and caring for their Rabbits during the WCYF. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens after check-out.
10. The champion, reserve champion and the top 20 pens of rabbits will stay on the Fairgrounds until check-out on Sunday; the remaining rabbits will be released with check out papers immediately after the show.

11. Rabbits that are eligible to sell in the sale of excellence will sell as individual lot.

12. Rabbits will be released by the check-out schedule only. ALL Rabbit EXHIBITORS will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday May 5, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule.

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Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the rabbits.

Exhibitors are required to show their own rabbits during showmanship.

## ROASTERS

*Chairmen –Preston Dornak and Vernon Evanicky*

ORDER DEADLINE:	Wednesday, November 7, 2018	
BIRD COST & ENTRY FEE:	\$2.40 per bird + \$30.00	
PICK UP DATE:	Friday, February 15, 2019 (tentative)	TBA
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	3 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	3:15 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Following showmanship
CHECK-OUT FOR CHAMPIONS:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. All Roasters must be ordered through the WCYF Office.
3. A min. of 25 roasters must be ordered. Additional roasters may be ordered in increments of 25 not to exceed 50. Roasters must be ordered in the individual exhibitor's name not one order per family.
4. All birds of the same division will be of the same hatch and of the same breed.
5. An exhibitor may show only a Rooster or a Pullet.
6. Family Exhibitors will be allowed to show any Roaster that was ordered by that exhibitor living under the same household. Once a bird plus alternate is selected for show, the wing band numbers of that bird must correspond from within the range of wing band numbers assigned to an individual family exhibitor at the time of distribution. Wing band numbers between family exhibitors cannot be combined.
7. All roaster exhibitors will have a card in their exhibitor packet that must be filled out and brought to check in.
8. Birds with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show. Bands that are not legible will not be allowed to show.
9. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the judge is final.
10. No person may take possession of a pen without being officially assigned by a chairman.
11. An exhibitor will be allowed one alternate bird per category. That alternate must be with the exhibitor when he/she checks in with the birds. Should a bird die or become injured before sifting starts, it can be replaced by the alternate. If a Roaster dies after sift and before the final judging, the exhibitor must report it to the chairman and request permission from the chairman to substitute an alternate.
12. To eliminate confusion during the scoring of birds, observers will not be allowed in the Poultry judging area. Due to the congestion and out of consideration for the next exhibitor, each exhibitor is asked to move on after his/her birds are judged, and to move boxes or cages out of the area. ONLY a

Parent and the exhibitor are allowed to assist the exhibitor in holding the birds. However, if the exhibitor or assistant fails to move as directed after scoring, they may be disqualified. Everyone will be allowed back in the judging area as soon as the scoring and recording is completed.

13. Grand and Reserve Champion Exhibitors will provide their own feed and be responsible for feeding and watering their roasters during fair week. **THE WCYF WILL EXERCISE EVERY PRECAUTION IN CARING FOR THE BIRDS, BUT WILL ASSUME NO LIABILITY OR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF LOSS OR DEATH OF BIRDS WHILE THEY ARE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

14. If a bird dies any time after judging, scoring, and placing, it may be replaced by a bird of similar quality for sale.

15. If there is any question about the breeding of a bird, the judge's opinion will serve as the final answer.

16. Only "Grade A quality" birds will be considered for the Sale of Excellence or the Freezer Sale. Sifted birds will not be sold in the freezer sale or sale of excellence and these birds must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after the judging is completed. Roaster exhibitors will take their Roasters home after judging. Grand and Reserve Champions **MUST STAY.**

17. All birds are subject to drug testing.

18. Roasters will sell as individual lots in the Sale of Excellence.

19. Roasters will be released by the check-out schedule only. **ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS** will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule.

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Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the birds.

Exhibitors are required to show their own poultry during showmanship.



## STEERS

*Chairmen: Clint Kalina and Michael Joyce*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, October 20, 2018	8 – 9 a.m./\$30 per head
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	12 – 1 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Tuesday, April 30, 2019	6 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

Two Divisions of Steers will show:            ABC                            AOB

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the “General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations”, including Showmanship, Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock Schedule.
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at the time of the fair.
3. All Steers will be classified at the WCYF Check in by a three (3) person committee. To be classified in the Brahman Influence, the steer must show at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brahman Characteristics. The Steer Committee will have the discretion to combine the ABC and AOB Classes.
4. If a Steer loses its ear tag, exhibitor must notify their Ag Science Teacher, 4-H Advisor, and the Steer Chairmen immediately. The animal must be tagged to show and the old tag turned in.
5. All Steers will be shown as slick sheared steers at the WCYF. The Steer may exhibit no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of hair on any part of its body. A qualified individual from another county will measure hair length at the WCYF weigh-in and if found questionable, the exhibitor will be allowed 30 minutes to correct length. Steer will only be allowed to show in natural color; no paint or other artificial coloring will be allowed.
6. Exhibitors that have weighed and tagged two Steers may bring only one to the fairgrounds on the check in day.
7. If a Steer is family tagged, the exhibitor must decide which steer he/she will show before the steer crossed the scale.
8. Once the Steers are weighed, classified and hair measured, they will be divided into weight classes and shown in the class for judging. The Steer Committee will have the discretion of establishing classes.
9. During the WCYF, only the exhibitor or approved substitute may enter the ring and show the Steer. (See “General Livestock and Poultry Rules)
10. No stomach pumps or pumping the animal will be allowed on the fairgrounds. The use of a drench gun is allowed.
11. Steers that will be sold in the Freezer Sale can weigh more than 1400 lbs. but will only be sold as a 1400 lb. steer.

<b>ABC</b>	<b>AOB</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Classes	Classes	Grand Champion
Champion ABC	Champion AOB	Reserve Champion
Reserve ABC	Reserve AOB	

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- Exhibitors are required to show their own project at the Progress Show and the Fair.

## SWINE

*Chairmen – Mike Smaistrla, Kevin Till & Jeromy Davis*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, February 2, 2019	8 - 9 a.m./\$30
QUARANTINE SWINE:	Saturday, February 2, 2019	9 – 9:15 a.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 29, 2019	8 – 11 a.m.
SHOW:	Monday, April 29, 2019	4 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Tuesday, April 30, 2019	7 – 8 a.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 – 9 a.m.

*(for Champions & Top 2)*

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. An exhibitor may tag-in no more than two hogs, and the numbers will be recorded in a specific name.
3. Untagged hogs will not be shown at the WCYF. If an animal loses a tag, a Swine Chairman should be notified immediately.
4. If a hog dies within two weeks of the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another hog, unless an alternate hog was tagged in.
5. All hogs must be castrated prior to fair check in.
6. Animals will be weighed at check-in time from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The weight limit is between 220-280 pounds. A three pound over/under tolerance will be allowed. The scales will be official. Exhibitors must clean their hog's ear tags prior to being allowed to unload. If the hog's weight does not fall in this range, if an alternate pig has been tagged in and that alternate hog is on the trailer, exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in the alternate hog. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds in order to retrieve an alternate.
7. If the swine weighs within the 220 – 280 weight limit the animal will be considered checked in and will show according to that weight class. Use of an alternate to change the weight class will not be allowed. No altering of hogs of any kind for added weight will be allowed
8. If a hog is family tagged, the exhibitor must decide which hog he/she will show before the cards are turned in. Once the cards have been turned into the committee it will be official and the exhibitor must show that hog. Be sure the tag number and name on the card matches the exhibitor.
9. Only exhibitors will be permitted in the stall area of the Johse Barn during the swine show.
10. Once weigh in is complete, hogs will be divided into classes of approximately the same number per class. The Swine Committee will determine the number of classes. Only the 1st and 2nd place hog's in each class will be eligible for competition in championship judging.
11. In preparing the animals for show, no clipping, no oil or oil-based grooming aides or powders will be allowed at the Fairgrounds. Use of oil or oil-based grooming aids will be grounds for disqualification from the show.

12. A WATER BOTTLE in the arena during the show is to be used by the exhibitor ONLY. Any spraying of water by anyone other than the exhibitor may be grounds for disqualification.

13. Shavings will be provided prior to the check in for use in the pens. Additional or replacement shavings will be at the exhibitors' expense. Champion exhibitor will be required to clean their own pens daily. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out his/her Swine pen by 12 p.m. on Tuesday April 30, 2019. If the pens are not cleaned after checkout, \$25 will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. Champion pens must be cleaned on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Only individuals assisting in handling of pigs will be allowed in Johse barn during check out on Tuesday morning.

14. Exhibitors must feed their projects up until the time of judging and must provide feed and water containers. Feeding by exhibitors prior to the show is allowed in the barn, provided that the individuals use dividers in the pens and monitor the feeding of their hog. Exhibitors must provide their own dividers. Exhibitors will not be allowed to take their hogs out of their pens until after 12:00 NOON on check-in day.

15. After the judging, the exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own hog, this includes all class winners, champion & reserve champion.

16. Swine check-out will be Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 7a.m. to 8 a.m., with the exception of the Champion, Reserve Champion, and the top two swine from each class. Exhibitors MUST BRING SWINE CHECK OUT CARD (included in exhibitor's packet) with them to checkout. ONLY individuals assisting with check out will be allowed in the barn. Once ALL the swine that are being released are out of the barn exhibitors may start cleaning pens.

17. ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8 to 9 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule. Exhibitors must check website [whartoncountyyouthfair.org](http://whartoncountyyouthfair.org) or call the fair office on Sunday morning to see if their hog has been floored. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check on this.

#### **LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP (Age as of Jan 1, 2019)**

Jr. 8-10, Inter. 11-13, Sr. 14 and older

Showmanship refers to the presentation of a livestock project by the exhibitor. It refers to the grooming and handling of the animal in the arena, as well as dress and conduct of the handler. Showmanship will be optional but encouraged. All showmanship will be divided into three age groups unless stated otherwise.

Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the Championship Class. Exhibitors will be responsible to get his/her swine to the show ring as the showmanship class is called up for judging.

Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.

## TRACTOR RESTORATION

*Chairmen –Craig Hardin*

ENTRY DEADLINE & FEE:	Monday, September 24, 2018	\$30.00 per exhibitor
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	12 - 1 p.m.
SHOW DATE:	Sunday, April 28, 2019	1:30p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, May 5, 2019	8 - 9 a.m.

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Showmanship, Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
2. Before unloading or unhooking, the exhibitor must check with the committee chairpersons as to where the project will be displayed.
3. A project may be exhibited only one time at the WCYF and must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
4. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used.
5. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter no more than two (2) Tractor Restoration projects. A \$30 entry fee per project is required. Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one (1) project in the silent auction.
6. Projects may have been constructed by an individual or group, and may be individually or club/chapter owned. There can be no more than 5 exhibitors on a group project.
7. All projects are to be identified with standard exhibitor cards. Any additional signs, banners, etc. must be approved by the Committee Chairman.
8. The project (entry) number, provided in the exhibitor packet, must be displayed on the tractor in a manner where it can be easily seen.
9. Tractor exhibitors will be given the choice of taking their tractor home within one hour after the completion of the show, or they may leave the tractor on display for the duration of the fair.
10. Non-essential personnel will not be allowed within 50 feet of the judging area, during the judging process. Exhibitors and judges will be the only ones allowed in the show area during the judging process!
11. Exhibitors are required to display a project record book along with their project. Books should include:
  - a) Full description of the restoration process.
  - b) A complete itemized list of the bill of materials along with the itemized cost for the materials.
  - c) Pictures of the project from start to finish.
  - d) A list of any and all sponsors who made monetary contributions towards the project.

(It is recommended that the Delo Tractor Restoration record book format, found online, be used as the format structure of the record book)

12. If the project is intended to be placed in the silent auction, exhibitors must place a sign on the project stating that it will be placed in the silent auction and to whom the project belongs.

13. If the project is intended to be placed in the silent auction, the Project Record Book will be given to the committee chairman at the completion of the Tractor Restoration show. The exhibitor will be required to declare a minimum reserve dollar amount that will be acceptable for the purchase of that project. The book will be displayed for the silent auction.

14. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell only one (1) Tractor Restoration Project in the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will begin on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Office Complex and will end at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Crescent Hall. A dollar value of the project, as well as the acceptable minimum bid, must be displayed on the project.

15. Once the running, driving and preliminary judging is complete, the tractor will be placed in its showing position. At this point the tractor will not be started until check out. Once in its position, the battery cables will be disconnected from the battery, fuel lines shut off, fuel cap secured with tape and hydraulic pressure relieved from all lines.

16. A very minimum amount of fuel (1 gallon or less) will be allowed in the tractor fuel tank while on the grounds of the Wharton County Youth Fair. If the tractor arrives with an excessive amount of fuel, the exhibitor will be asked to drain the fuel to the appropriate level. If that cannot be done the tractor will not be allowed on the grounds.

17. If at any time the project becomes unsafe, the Ag Mechanics committee will decide if removal is necessary, or what action should be taken to ensure safety.

#### **TRACTOR RESTORATION PROJECTS WILL BE JUDGED ON:**

Workmanship: 30 Pts

Level of Difficulty: 30 Pts.

Paint and Finish: 20 Pts.

Knowledge of Process and Work Performed: 20 pts

#### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Showmanship refers to the presentation of a project by the exhibitor. Showmanship is optional but encouraged and will be judged during the Ag Mechanic judging.

**WHARTON COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

*Co-Chairpersons –Cheryl Failla & Kevin Till*

1. There is no limit on the number of teams or individuals a county or school may enter.
2. Contestants will be divided into Jr. and Sr. divisions. Jr. will be eighth grade and younger; Sr. will be high school freshmen through Sr. year.
3. Entry Fees: \$20 per team, \$5 per individual. Registration forms are available at the WCYF Office. Registration forms with teams' and members' names should be brought to judging Friday, MAY 3, 2019, 11 a.m.
4. Team shall consist of 4 members.
5. ONLY CONTESTANTS, GROUP LEADER, TIME KEEPERS AND DESIGNATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE JUDGING AREA DURING THE JUDGING CONTEST!
6. NO TALKING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE JUDGING OF THE CONTEST!
7. Contestants will be allowed 8 minutes per class during the judging contest.

**Classes**

Market Steers

Market Lambs

Breeding Heifers

Market Hog

Market Goat

## WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR SALES

Any amendments of the Sale Rules are at the discretion of the Sale Committee and the Executive Board. Notification of an amendment will be posted on the WCYF Web page at [www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org](http://www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org), and/or mailed to all 4-H Club Managers and FFA Advisors, and/or published in local newspapers, and aired on local radio stations.

### **SALE OF EXCELLENCE - Saturday, May 4, 2019 @ NOON**

A total of 275 lots will be sold in the Sale of Excellence at the 2019 WCYF. The number of lots that sell in each division will be determined after entries from each division have been submitted. The calculated number of lots that will sell in each division in the Sale of Excellence will be posted at the Fair Office and on the WCYF website, prior to any animals being checked in at the 2019 WCYF. WCYF Executive Board retains the right to change the number of lots to sell if deemed necessary.

The following RULES AND REGULATIONS apply to the SALE OF EXCELLENCE:

1. The Sale Committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Executive Board, when necessary, to handle the Sale in the most equitable way.
2. The Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, unless re-scheduled by the Board.
3. Sale order is arranged by the Sale Committee. Sale numbers MUST BE PICKED UP Saturday morning, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. in the Crescent Hall.
4. Sale order will be posted on the website and in the results case at the Main Office Complex Thursday night, May 2, 2019. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to check these lists and know his/her place in the Sale order. Alternates are sometimes moved up into the Sale of Excellence, so it is important to watch for the lists. If an exhibitor misses his/her place in line, he/she is disqualified and must sell later in the Freezer Sale. IT IS WORTH EXHIBITORS' TIME TO CHECK THE SALE ORDER CAREFULLY!!!
5. No project, regardless of placing, will be sold if it is deemed unworthy.
6. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will sell, except for Dairy Merit, Dairy, Jr. Breeding Beef & Horse. If an exhibitor has more than one champion, he/she may sell all champions, making him/her ineligible to sell in the Freezer Sale or Replacement Heifer Sale.
7. Sellers/exhibitors must be present at the auction to sell. They must be in place at the appropriate time since the Sale cannot be held up for one person. If an exhibitor misses his or her place in the Sale order, he or she will be disqualified and may then sell only in the Freezer Sale. (This is not a new rule. It has always been a requirement to be present to sell in the Sale of Excellence.)
8. In the event that an emergency, hospitalization, or death in the exhibitor's immediate family occurs, the exhibitor is to notify the Sale Chairman immediately. The Executive Board and the Sale Committee will determine at that time, what, if any, alternative arrangements can be made concerning the Sale of Excellence.



9. Exhibitors are requested to notify buyers if they have given medication for which withdrawal times have not expired.

10. All sales are final.

11. WCYF will assess 1 ½ % interest per month to all outstanding invoice balances that are not paid within 60 days of the date of invoice.

12. All sellers/exhibitors must find out who their buyers are, and be responsible for determining where the buyer wishes the animal(s) to be delivered. IF DELIVERING TO A PACKING HOUSE, EXHIBITORS MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO DELIVERY. For the exhibitors' own protection when an animal is delivered, they should have someone sign that he/she received the animal. In the case of packing houses, exhibitors should retain proof of delivery in case an animal's records are confused or lost. Exhibitors need to make sure they inform the packing house of the buyer's name or who should be called for processing instructions. Poultry and rabbits must be processed before delivery, unless otherwise specified. EXHIBITORS NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BY KEEPING RECORDS OF THEIR DELIVERY! IN MANY INSTANCES, PROJECTS ARE RE-SOLD EITHER TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR TO A DESIGNATED MARKET. THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING OUT WHO THE FINAL BUYER IS AND MAKING DELIVERY ACCORDING TO HIS/HER INSTRUCTIONS. The Sale Committee will make every effort to provide accurate information at checkout on Sunday May 5, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., concerning the buyer of the project(s).

13. A 5.5% commission will be charged on all lots sold in the Sale of Excellence, including add-ons.

### **IMPORTANT SCRATCH INFORMATION**

A person can sell only one project in the Sale of Excellence. He or she must notify the Sale Committee Chairman or authorized person as to which project should sell. The deadline for scratching from the Sale of Excellence is one (1) hour after the results of the last Market Show are posted. The scratch room will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday May 1, 2019. If the Sale Committee is not notified, and the exhibitor has failed to scratch a project, it will be up to the discretion of the Committee to determine which animal will sell. Once the sale sheet has been completed and printed, no substitutions will be allowed. If the exhibitor does not want to sell the animal on the sheet, the exhibitor must withdraw from the Sale altogether.

Each exhibitor may sell only two items: one item in the Sale of Excellence and one item in the Freezer Sale or Replacement Heifer Sale; OR one item in the Freezer Sale and one item in the Replacement Heifer Sale; OR two items in the Freezer Sale; OR two items in the Replacement Heifer Sale. THE DEADLINE FOR SCRATCHING FROM THE FREEZER SALE or ENTERING THE REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE IS 8 p.m., WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019.

## **FREEZER SALE**

The primary purpose of the Freezer Sale is to help exhibitors whose animals did not make the Sale of Excellence. Since the WCYF competition has grown so strong, each year the percentage of animals not making the sale has also increased. These exhibitors, who invested so much of their time, have in the past left the WCYF feeling very disappointed. Some have had feed bills to pay and other expenses of the project to cover with little hope of breaking even on the sale of their animals. The WCYF feels the quality of the effort is worthy of some compensation, whether or not the quality of the animal was sufficient for a blue ribbon. The WCYF ask therefore, that everyone come out and make an effort to buy. It means a lot to the participants, and the cost is little more than a trip to the grocery store.

Market animals (Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Rabbits and Poultry) that do not qualify for the Sale of Excellence are automatically entered in the Freezer Sale. Exhibitors not wanting to sell their projects must scratch the project from the Sale by 8 p.m. on Wednesday (see #4 below). Heifers (Pen of Three or Commercial Heifer) that do not make the Sale of Excellence may be entered into the Replacement Heifer Sale (see rules that follow).

1. Pre-Sale of Freezer Sale Projects will begin promptly at noon and close at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2019, in the Freezer Sale Office in the Main Office Complex. Telephone pre-sales will not be taken until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019.
2. Pre-Sale of Freezer Sale Projects will continue on Saturday, May 4, 2019, beginning 10 a.m. through the end of the Sale of Excellence, and will be located in Crescent Hall.
3. All Freezer Sale Projects not pre-sold will be auctioned immediately following the last lot in the Sale of Excellence.
4. The exhibitors of Freezer Sale items will be assured of market price or better, but a maximum price for the project will be set.
5. Exhibitors need not be present to sell in the Freezer Sale if they find out their project has been pre-sold, or if they have an unavoidable conflict and they are able to find a brother or sister or friend to stand in for them when their lot comes up. Those missing their place in the Freezer Sale will be moved to the end of the Sale order. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Freezer Sale Committee, located either in the Freezer Sale Office or Crescent Hall, to determine if their animal was pre-sold.
6. Any exhibitor may withdraw an item from the Freezer Sale prior to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019. After a sale is made, there can be no reneging. The exhibitor must deliver the animal as per the buyer's instructions. If the delivery is not made, the exhibitor may forfeit the right to any future participation in the WCYF. NO COMMISSION will be charged to exhibitors on Freezer Sale items.

## **FLOORED ANIMALS**

It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to check the website at [www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org](http://www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org) early Sunday morning May 5<sup>th</sup> or call the fair office to see if the project has been floored. If your animal was floored you **MUST** bring your animal back to the fairgrounds on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. to load on the truck. If the animal is **NOT** brought back to the fairgrounds on Sunday morning the exhibitor will be charged the floor price and will be responsible for paying that to the Wharton County Youth Fair. Floored animals that are not posted on the web will **NOT** be taken on Sunday morning **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

## **REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE**

The Replacement Heifer Sale provides an opportunity for exhibitors to be compensated for the time and expenses incurred in their projects. In an effort to provide a market for more animals, the Sale Committee will conduct the Replacement Heifer Sale in conjunction with the Freezer Sale, to give the exhibitor the availability of an additional avenue for selling his/her project.

This Sale differs from the Freezer Sale in that an exhibitor who wishes to take advantage of this market must come to the designated office (to be announced) and sign up to participate by 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

1. The Sale Order will be posted in the result case at the Main Office Complex on Thursday, May 2, 2019.
2. Pre-Sale of Replacement Heifer Projects will begin promptly at noon and close at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2019 in Freezer Sale Office, Main Office Complex. Telephone pre-sales will not be taken until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019.
3. Pre-Sale Replacement Heifer Projects will continue on Saturday, May 4, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. through the end of the Sale of Excellence, and will be located in Crescent Hall.
4. Any Replacement Heifer Project not sold by the end of the Sale of Excellence on Saturday, May 4, 2019, will be taken home by the exhibitor.
5. After a sale is made, there can be no reneging. The exhibitor must deliver the animal as per the buyer's instructions. If the delivery is not made, the exhibitor may forfeit the right to any future participation in the WCYF. No commission will be charged to exhibitors on the sale of Replacement Heifers.