

Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale Rules 2024-2025

September 9, 2024

Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Exposition Committee

PO BOX 32

Smithville, TX 78957

Dear Exhibitor:

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show & Exposition Committee would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in our Annual Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale to be held on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 at the Vernon Richards River Bend Park Pavilion.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR:

*****ALL signed entry forms and entry fees must be submitted to the respective committee chairpersons by the following deadlines:

Steers, Lambs, Goats, Broilers, Heifers, Rabbits, and Ag Mechanics: November 12, 2024 between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Smithville ISD Ag Building.

Barrows: January 11, 2025 between 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Smithville ISD Ag Building.

*****The rabbit show will take place on **Friday, April 25, 2025** beginning at 5:00 pm. Rabbits will be sold on Saturday along with all other species.

Please note that these rules and judging schedule(s) are subject to change due to uncontrollable circumstances and/or at the discretion of the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show & Exposition Committee Board in order to ensure safety of our participants, volunteers, & judges.

There will be no offsite validation for animals.

Exhibitors with state validated animals must bring an additional copy of their state validation paperwork with them to accompany their entry form.

If you have questions or are interested in participating in the show, please contact the division chairman. The Chairpersons are as follows:

Beef – William Cook	Broilers – Cody Wofford
Barrows – Craig Williams	Rabbits – Carolyn Wright
Lambs & Goats – Lisa Gonzales	Ag Mechanics – Shawn Bales

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Casey Hanchey,
President

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

General show rules will be developed by the Smithville Livestock Show & Exposition Committee (“SLS Committee” or “Committee”). Each Division committee will propose rules for that division. The Bylaws and Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote with at least 50% of the total membership present.

1. The show will be supervised by the show officers and show committee. The show committee consists of representatives from organizations and communities.
2. The SLS Committee will have the right to disqualify any exhibitor or project that does not conform to the rules outlined for the Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show & Exposition.
3. The Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree Weekend. The rabbit show will be held Friday, April 25, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm. The show for all other species, including Ag Mechanics, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 beginning at 8:00 am.
4. The Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Sale is a terminal show, meaning that all animals sold become the property of the buyer at the immediate conclusion of the sale.
5. All exhibitors must have a valid parent/guardian email at the time of validation of your species or you will not be allowed to validate. Entry fees will be \$20.00 per child per animal validated or pen (Pens are classified as chickens or rabbits only). Entry fees are non-refundable and must be paid at validation. No late entries will be accepted. Sale checks will be mailed to the address on this Exhibitor Card. Each exhibitor and exhibitor’s parent or legal guardian must sign a statement acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.
6. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor by the beginning of the feeding period. The exhibitor must continuously and personally feed and care for his/her animals. Any project found not to be under the direct care of the validated exhibitor will be given written notice of rules violation by certified mail and SLS Committee Executive Board review. If appropriate measures are not adhered to by exhibitor, the project can be disqualified from the show. Any project may be inspected by the committee or its members at any time during the feeding period. Any exhibitor being inspected will be notified ahead of time as to when the inspection will be made.
7. Exhibitors have several tasks they must help with or complete in order to participate in the show. Missing any of the tasks listed below will result in a fine of \$100.00 per violation (per exhibitor). This fine will be withheld from the exhibitor’s check. Mandatory Tasks include:
 - (A) Set Up Facilities: Pen set up date will be on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Exhibitors will work under the direction of the livestock show committee and must check in/out with the designated committee member. Exhibitors more than 15 minutes late will not be allowed to check in and will be considered absent from set up.
 - (B) Turn in Project Expense Sheet: All exhibitors must complete a copy of the Project Expense Sheet (included in this packet) and turn the Project Expense Sheet in on or before at the set-up date.

(C) Clean Up Facilities: Clean up date will be the day after the show date, Sunday April 27, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Exhibitors more than 15 minutes late will not be allowed to check in and will be considered absent from clean up. Exhibitors will work under the direction of the livestock show committee and must check in/out with the designated committee member.

(D) Loading Animals after Auction: Exhibitors will be required to load animals within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the sale/auction. Animals may not be left on the show/sale premises overnight.

(E) All exhibitors will sign in and sign out on the set up and clean up dates. These activities will be monitored. All fines must be cleared before the new school year begins or it will be carried over and applied to the entry fee of the following year.

8. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken by the SLS Committee if a 4-H or FFA member displays inappropriate unsportsmanlike conduct to a judge, volunteer, or another exhibitor. Disciplinary action can include a \$200.00 fine or disqualification of the exhibitor and all of their animal projects from the show and sale.

9. Junior division is a member in the 8th grade or below. Senior division is a member in 9th through 12th grade.

10. If any portion of these rules and regulations are in conflict with any regulation or statute pertaining to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the TAHC regulation or statute will prevail.

11. All exhibitors with entries in the show must personally sell and/or show their own entries unless otherwise authorized by the committee prior to the show date. NOTE: an exhibitor may have another eligible exhibitor show his/her project if the validated exhibitor is unable to show his/her project the day of the show due to sickness, injury, or participating in any school related event.

ELIGIBILITY

12. Youth must be enrolled in the Smithville Independent School District ("Smithville ISD" or "SISD") from the date of animal validation through the date of the show to be eligible to compete in the show and be an active member of the Smithville FFA Chapter or Smithville Junior FFA Chapter supervised by an Agricultural Science Instructor, OR be an active member of a 4-H Club in Bastrop County supervised by a Bastrop County Extension Agent during the current school year.

13. Youth attending public, private, or charter schools and residing within the geographic areas of Smithville ISD who are not Smithville FFA or Junior FFA members must be a member of a 4-H Club in Bastrop County to be eligible to compete from the date of animal validation through the date of the show to be eligible to compete in the show.

14. Youth attending home school and residing within in the geographic areas of Smithville ISD must be a member of an accredited home school program that has an administrative employee responsible for maintaining academic eligibility that is not a parent/guardian of the student(s).

15. If any information changes (e.g. school, club, address, etc.) after validation, 4H/FFA advisors and Smithville Livestock Show superintendents must be notified and corrected entry form submitted.

16. Students seeking any exception to these rules must seek prior approval by the SLS Committee. Each individual circumstance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

17. Both 4-H/FFA members must attend four (4) of the meetings between September and March to be eligible to show. Exhibitors not meeting the required four (4) meetings and/or not attending the Mandatory Stock Show Set Up will be fined \$100.00 prior to show date. Exhibitors must attend a Mandatory Meeting at the conclusion of Stock Show Set Up April 13, 2025 which does not count towards your four (4) meetings. Athletic or any other practice does not excuse a student from the monthly FFA or 4-H meeting. The only excused absence from a meeting will be a School Sponsored Event or a Medically Excused note. Exhibitors must be signed up for FFA/4-H as a valid member by October 31, 2024 to be eligible to show in the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. It will be the responsibility of the FFA Advisor and/or 4-H advisor to verify that a student is eligible as of that date. The exhibitor must submit a project record form to be turned in at the Mandatory Meeting during Set Up to the Show Ring Coordinator at sign-in.

18. Scholastic Eligibility - The Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Exposition will follow policies as set out by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) & Smithville ISD. A full list of exhibitors will be given to each principal/designee to determine scholastic eligibility. The designee must authorize exhibitors' scholastic eligibility before show date.

VALIDATION

19. At the time of the validation, exhibitors will designate the facility at which project(s) will be fed. The project(s) will remain at this facility throughout the entire feeding period. If, for any reason, the exhibitor must change facilities, he/she will report to their species superintendent. The SLS Committee decision is final.

20. **NEW:** Each exhibitor may validate as many animals per species as desired (with the exception of rabbits - refer to the rabbit rules for details). Any animal may be validated to any family member (family validation). "Family validation" means validating livestock with related family members in the same household, or separate, in the case of split family divorce situations. To be eligible for family validation, the youth participants must be related family members. "Related family members" for the purpose of state validation means nuclear family, stepfamily, or siblings via guardianship. Failure to utilize the student's legal name on any validation form or livestock show entry form may result in disqualification. Documentation, including official government-issued documents, may be requested in order to certify the identity and/or custody status of the youth participant.

21. All animal projects being entered/validated for the show must be physically presented to the SLS Committee on the designated days/times outlined to be officially tagged and/or recorded. If an animal was State Validated for the Texas Major Livestock Shows, then the exhibitor does not have to physically bring that animal to the validation site; however, they **MUST** bring an extra copy of their state validation paperwork to be turned in to the SLS Committee and accompany their entry and fee.

SHOW RULES

22. Prior to the show, scales will be available for all species except rabbits on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at River Bend Park. Scales will be made available for rabbits on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at River Bend Park.

23. All species will weigh ONE (1) time on the day of the show. NO REWEIGH will be allowed. Final weigh-in will be from 6:00 am -7:30 am the day of the show at the show barn. All projects must be in place for check in by 7:30 am or the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 (cash or check) in order to be allowed to show. All rabbit exhibitors must be in place for check in by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 25, 2025. The time period between 7:30 am and 8:00 am on Saturday will be used as a grace period for exhibitors already in line and needing to address an issue that arose during check-in. Any animal arriving after 8:00 am on Saturday (or 5:00 pm on Friday for rabbits) will be disqualified.

24. Pens and stalls will be furnished by the SLS Committee.

25. Exhibitors must bring their own feed and water containers and be responsible for the care of their animals or they will be asked to leave the show.

26. All livestock exhibits will be under the control and direction of the SLS Committee, but the SLS Committee will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the rules, and shall indemnify the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard there to, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, not suit instituted or maintained against the Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Committee or its officers or members, by or on behalf of any persons, firms, or corporations, or other agents, representatives, servants or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupy any space there on.

27. Judge's decisions are final on placement.

28. Animals with weight restrictions that do not make the weight limit are ineligible to show or sale and are not eligible to be placed on resale.

29. Any animal found to be unmanageable will be disqualified by the judge the day of the show. Disqualified animals will not be placed and will not be eligible to be sold or put on resale. Judge's decision is final.

30. Exhibitors will be allowed to provide their own bedding. It must be pre-packaged wood shavings only, not hay, carpet, etc.

31. Exhibitor must feed, bed, care for and keep his/her animal and stall properly cleaned during the entire show and sale.

32. At conclusion of judging, all animals must be placed in designated stall until released by their respective division chairman or superintendent.

33. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the case of complaint, or appeal, and must be delivered to the respective committee chairman within thirty (30) minutes after its division is judged.

34. All property of every character entered for competition or display, or any other display, or any other purpose, or being anywhere on the show grounds, shall be subject to the control of the Committee, but in no case shall the Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Committee, its officers or members, or any of them, be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any character to any such property while same is on the show grounds, or at any other time or place. If property owners interested in property desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire, or from any other cause, they must make their own arrangements.

35. If any judge is thirty (30) minutes late without notification for any unforeseen reason, the SLS Committee will meet to appoint an alternate judge for that division.

36. Showmanship Awards:

(A) Livestock Projects: There will be a showmanship award given to exhibitors in the following Junior & Senior Divisions, if applicable: steers, heifers, barrows, lamb, goat, broilers, and rabbits. Every exhibitor must participate in showmanship. There must be two (2) or more animals validated in both the Junior and Senior divisions of the species to have a showmanship buckle awarded. If there are not enough animals validated, the Junior and Senior divisions will be combined into one (1). If there is only one exhibitor in the species, that exhibitor will be awarded showmanship.

(B) Ag Mechanics Projects: There must be a minimum of two (2) projects in order for a showmanship competition to take place. Showmanship award is presented to individuals selected as having presented the best public image. Showmanship awards will be determined by the Ag Mech Judge(s). All Judges' decisions are final. Please see Ag Mechanics rules for further details.

37. Dress code - neat and clean jeans or slacks, short or long sleeve collared shirts in a manner appropriate to the FFA and/or 4-H will be worn during the show and sale. Shirt tails will be tucked in, and no hats or caps will be worn in the ring. No shorts will be worn in the show ring or sale ring. Exhibitors will not enter the ring unless properly dressed according to these rules.

38. Show boxes, tack, feed, hay, feeding equipment, or watering equipment shall be kept clear of any designated area, aisle, or walkway. No more than one show box will be allowed per exhibitor.

39. Any project that dies after stall placement, or in the show ring, on show day will not be allowed a replacement for that project except broilers.

40. Rabbits will be sifted/judged on Friday, April 25, 2025 beginning at 5pm.

41. The judging order for Saturday, April 26, 2025 will be as follows:

Barrows

Broilers

Goats

Heifers

Lambs

Steers

Note: Ag Mechanics projects will be judged concurrently throughout the show.

42. Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from the following divisions if applicable:

Steers

Barrows

Lambs

Broilers

Rabbits

Heifers

Goats

Ag Mechanics

43. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to bring out the animal or animals when the class is called. Once judging of a class has begun, no animals may be brought out. No complaints or protests on the grounds that an entry was overlooked will be considered. Animals not judged will not be sold in the sale.

44. No persons other than exhibitors, officials, and official ring help may be in the show ring during the judging.

SALE RULES

45. The committee will request sealed resale bids to be in by 11:00 am, Saturday, April 26, 2025, with the sale starting at 4:30 pm.

46. A minimum of two bids must be submitted or the committee reserves the right to refuse bids and open resale- bidding to the public at 4:15 pm.

47. Exhibitors are allowed to sell only one (1) project in the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale Auction.

48. Any or all saleable projects may be subject to drug testing. Drug testing will be conducted immediately following judging.

49. Order of sale will be posted thirty (30) minutes prior to sale with the champions selling first.

50. No entry will be allowed to be sold at a price higher than the Champions of their division. The reserve cannot sell for more than the grand and no animal can sell for more than the reserve. All sales will be in whole dollar amounts only. Ag Mechanics projects may be sold by private treaty and will not sell in the auction.

51. (A) A maximum of 70 entries, distributed the following way, will be sold:

- 9 Steers
- 6 Lambs
- 9 Broilers
- 24 Barrows
- 13 Rabbits
- 9 Goats

52. If the total eligible sale entries is 70 or less: All entries may be sold. Entries placing (during the show) below the allotted numbers listed in Rule 51 will be eligible to sell, however, they must sell for lower than the lowest selling animal in the original guaranteed allotment, including add-ons. Example: A 10th place broiler pen may sell for up to \$1 under the lowest selling broiler pen among the top 9 places, even if a pen that placed in the top 9 does not sell.

53. If the total eligible sale entries is more than 70: Entries will be sold according to the allotment listed in Rule 51. If the eligible sale entries in any particular species is less than the allotted amount, the remainder will be considered vacant slots. In order to fill vacant slots, the next placing sale eligible entry of each species will be placed in a hat and drawn. Drawing will continue from those next available entries in the hat until all spots are filled or all available entries have been drawn. If additional vacant slots are still available, the process will continue with the next available entry in each species until all vacant slots are filled.

54. Sale Add-Ons:

(A) Individual add-ons may be done during the sale; however, they will be privately applied at the sale table, they will not be announced in the ring, and add-ons cannot exceed \$1.00 below the Reserve Champion price of any species.

(B) An Add-on cannot violate rule 51. Entire class add-ons will be accepted at any time.

(C) No Add-ons will be accepted for Grand & Reserve Champion projects of any species. The total and final sale price for Grand and Reserve need to be completed while the animal is in the sale ring. Any add-on will not be counted towards breaking a record.

(D) Add-ons will close 30 minutes after the sale with the exception to "Legacy" buyer groups with left over money.

55. No breeding class entries will be sold, including heifers.

56. All projects will be sold by the head except for rabbits and broilers, which will be sold by the pen. Sale order will be all Grand Champion and Reserve Champions selling first in the order being:

- Steers
- Barrows
- Broilers
- Lambs
- Rabbits
- Goats

57. Steers and Barrows will retain the top sale positions, every year the last species sold in the sale order will move to third position of the sale order for the following year.

58. Animals placing below the allotted amount in Rule 39 will be moved to the end of the sale order.

59. Any animals bought and donated for resale will be resold to the floor bid only. Rabbit and broilers sales are final.

60. Animals must be sold as shown. (Example: no dyes, glitter, paint, decorations, clothing, etc.)

AFTER THE SALE

61. Each exhibitor who sells a project will be required to purchase a minimum of ONE (1) 8X10 picture for their buyers. The price of the picture will be deducted from the net check. Exhibitors should consider providing a copy of their picture to their other buyers.

62. Thank You Notes: Each Exhibitor is responsible for writing a thank you note to each buyer and buckle sponsor. A copy of the exhibitors' thank you notes must be sent to Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Exposition Committee PO BOX 32; Smithville, TX 78957, and should be received no later than June 26, 2025.

63. Sale money will not be given out at the show but will be distributed after all sale proceeds for that project are received by the treasurer, but not before August 1st of the current year in which the sale takes place and a copy of thank you letters is received. Checks must be cashed within 90 days from the date which they bear.

(A) All proceeds not collected after 4 months of sale date, will be deducted from sale amount and checks issued for the collected amount

(B) Sale records will only be recorded after all money collected. In the case all money is not collected, the old record will stand.

64. All projects sold will be charged a 4% commission of the sale price, with exception of the resale animals.

65. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and the buyer to work together to arrange for the care and disposition of animals sold after leaving the sale ring.

STEERS

All steer exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules of the 2024-2025 show as well as the following:

1. Steers will be validated and tagged from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Monday, November 12, 2024, at Smithville Ag Building.
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at final weigh-in on the day of show.
3. Exhibitors may validate as many steers but can bring only one (1) on the day of the show. Exhibitors may show and sell only one (1) steer.
4. If six (6) or less steers make the show, there will only be one (1) class. If seven (7) or more steers make the show, there will be two (2) classes. The committee will divide the classes.
5. All steers will be slick shorn to within 1/4 inch, excluding tailswitch.
6. Steers that are shown but do not make the maximum sale cut may be sold on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
7. If a steer exhibitor has more than one entry in the show and chooses to sell his/her animal from another division, he/she may sell steer on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
8. Steer exhibitors will not be released until animal has been loaded for delivery.
9. All exhibitors must obtain permission from the committee chairman of the steers before steer can be removed from the show barn. Exhibitors must remain thirty (30) minutes after completed show for final sale list.

Steer & Heifer committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: William Cook 512-947-7077

Superintendent: Brande Natal 512-468-3051

HEIFERS

All heifer exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 show as well as the following:

1. Registered or non-registered heifers will be allowed to enter. Heifers will be classified by committee members according to age and breed at least thirty (30) days prior to show.
2. No heifers will be sold through the ring.
3. There will be two (2) classes of heifers within each breed division. The "Junior" class will consist of heifers born January 1, 2024 or later. The "Senior" class will consist of heifers born from August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.
4. Exhibitors may validate and show no more than two (2) heifers in any class.
5. All exhibitors must obtain permission from a committee chairman from the heifer species before heifers can be removed from the show barn.

Steer & Heifer committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: William Cook 512-947-7077

Superintendent: Brande Natal 512-468-3051

BARROWS

All barrows exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 show as well as the following:

1. Validation will be Saturday, January 11, 2025, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at the Smithville Ag Building. All barrows must be on feed, validated, and in the exhibitor's possession by this date.
2. An exhibitor may show a barrow only.
3. Barrows must follow and comply with USDA guidelines pertaining to "sulfa residues". All MEDICATED feed stuff and drugs must be withdrawn in accordance with the label for the product used or fed.
4. Validation will be done by ear tag and ear notches. If the ear tag falls out or is lost, the exhibitor must notify the committee chairman immediately.
5. Exhibitor can validate as many barrows as desired, but only one (1) can be weighed in at show date. Exhibitors may only run their barrow across the scales one (1) time, your barrow will not be allowed to re-weigh.
6. Number of classes will be determined the day of the show. If there are twenty (20) or less barrows present we will have two (2) classes. If there are more than twenty (20) barrows present we will have three (3) classes.
 - (A) The barrows will be broken into three (3) equal classes, if one (1) or two (2) extras, they will be placed in the group with the nearest weight.
 - (B) If the barrow falls in the middle of the two (2) classes, the barrow will be bumped to the higher weight class.
 - (C) Sale order is determined by Grand and Reserve placing
7. After judging is completed, do not feed barrows before the sale to aid in taking pictures.
8. The judge will use his discretion for the order of judging.
 - (A) The grand champion will be chosen from the first-place class winners.
 - (B) The reserve champion will be chosen from the remaining first place animals and the secondplace animal from the class in which the grand champion was chosen.
9. All barrows must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds at the official weigh-in at show.
10. No dyes or paints can be used to deface or change the natural color of the animal.
11. Exhibitors will be allowed to provide their own bedding. It must be pre-packaged wood shavings, not hay, carpet, etc.
12. All exhibitors must obtain permission from the committee chairman of the barrows before barrows can be removed from the show barn. Exhibitors must remain thirty (30) minutes after completed

show for final sale list.

13. Barrows that are shown but do not make the maximum sale cut may be sold on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).

14. If a barrow exhibitor has more than one entry in the show and chooses to sell his/her animal from another division, he/she may sell the barrow on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).

Barrow committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Craig Williams 979-820-5037

Superintendent: Pat Goertz 512-360-4739

GOATS

All market goat exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 show as well as the following:

1. Validation will be Monday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Smithville Ag Building. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Validation will be by ear tag.
2. Goats must be a wether of any breed or crossbreed.
3. Exhibitor may validate as many wethers as desired, but only one (1) may be exhibited.
4. The horns of the goat must be tipped.
5. Goats will be slick shorn from knees and hocks up.
6. There will be one class of goats shown.
7. All goat exhibitors must obtain permission from the Goat Committee chairman before goats can be removed from the show barn. Exhibitors must remain thirty (30) minutes after completion of entire show for final sale list.
8. Goats that are shown but do not make the sale may be sold on resale. Exhibitor must inform the Goat Committee chairman of this choice.
9. If a goat exhibitor has more than one entry in the show and chooses to sell an animal in another division, he/she may sell the goat on resale. Exhibitor must inform Goat Committee chairman of this choice.
10. All goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and a maximum of 120 pounds at the official weigh-in at show.
11. NEW: If nine (9) or fewer goats make the show, there will be one (1) class. If ten (10) or more goats check in at the show, there will be two (2) classes. The committee will divide the classes.

Goat Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Lisa Gonzales 512-963-8002

Superintendent: Jami Hanchey 512-677-2305

BROILERS

All broiler exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 Show as well as the following:

1. All broilers will be straight run, purchased from a hatchery at the same time by the Broilers Committee with a minimum order of twenty-five (25) birds, and in increments of twenty-five (25), per exhibitor. All birds must be paid in full at time of validation, November 12, 2024.
2. Delivery date of birds will be approximately 6 weeks before show.
3. All chicks will be wing banded and must possess the band on the day of the show to be eligible to show.
4. Broilers will be examined for defects and signs of disease at the show barn on the day of the show. Wing bands will also be checked the day of the show, prior to caging upon arrival.
5. Failure of health inspection will result in disqualification of that particular bird. Exhibitor may bring one (1) alternate bird to the show.
6. Three (3) birds will be exhibited and judged as a pen of broilers and will be auctioned as a pen of three (3) birds. Exhibitors may bring one (1) alternate bird. The alternate bird may not be in the cage with the three (3) designated show birds.
7. Tampered wing bands will result in disqualification of that bird.
8. All broilers auctioned will be dressed and delivered to buyer(s) no more than two (2) weeks after day of the show.
9. Preliminary judging may be required depending on the total number of entries. This will be the judge's option.
10. If Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) makes all shows terminal Smithville will follow the direction of the TAHC and make show terminal.
11. Handlers assisting exhibitors must be school aged. Handlers with broiler exhibitors should adhere to the dress code as listed in General Rule #37 in order to enter the show ring.
12. Broilers exhibitors will have assigned numbers pinned to the front and back of their clothing, above their waist. Handlers assisting exhibitors will not wear an exhibitor number on their front.

The Broilers Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Cody Wofford 512-281-6612

Superintendent: Lou Sloan 512-360-4322

RABBITS

All rabbit exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 show as well as the following:

1. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) meat pen.
2. A pen shall consist of three (3) rabbits, either sex, approximately seventy (70) days old. Rabbits must all be of the same breed and weigh not less than three (3) pounds, eight (8) oz, nor more than five (5) pounds eight (8) oz.
3. Rabbits must be of a recognized commercial breed. Examples: New Zealand, Californian, Palomino, Satin, etc.
4. Exhibitor may own and have possession of does at the time the litter is kindled. Does should be bred between January 6 – 13, 2025. If the exhibitor is unable to own does, then he/she may purchase a pen of bunnies from a breeder.
5. All rabbits must be identified by a legible and permanent ear mark.
6. Rabbits will be validated with a tattoo in either ear on or about six (6) weeks of age. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their rabbits tattooed. You will be required to bring the actual rabbits to validation. The committee will hold validation on Monday, March 24, 2025, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Smithville ISD Ag Building. These tattoo numbers will be kept on file and must match at date of final weigh in.
7. If concerns for health issues in the rabbit industry arise, the rabbit committee may choose to alter the validation process to reduce risks. However, the exhibitor or representative must still report to the designated location for validation between the times specified in rule #6 of Rabbits.
8. An exhibitor cannot validate more than twenty (20) rabbits or a family cannot validate more than twenty (20) rabbits per exhibitor. Exhibitors of a family do not need to specify which rabbits belong to which exhibitor at validation.
9. A pen of three (3) rabbits may be weighed at the time of final weigh in on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 5:00 pm, and only the three (3) official rabbits will be brought to the show ring for judging at time of show. However, if any official rabbits are disqualified, a validated rabbit may be substituted in its place. Exhibitors may bring one (1) alternate rabbit fryer.
10. Upon arrival at the show and before coop assignments are made, each individual rabbit will be closely examined by the Judge, Chairman, and/or Superintendent. Any rabbit that is found not to be in healthy condition will be disqualified and removed from the show immediately. One (1) sifted fryer rabbit will disqualify an entire pen. All sifted entries will be removed from the show by the exhibitor at the time the sifting is done.
11. All efforts will be made to secure a licensed American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) judge.

12. Rabbits may be prejudged prior to entering the show ring, and final placement will be made in the show ring if there is a concern for time constraints.

13. All exhibitors must obtain permission from the committee chairman before rabbits can be removed from the show barn. Exhibitors must remain thirty (30) minutes after completed show for final sale list.

14. Any violation of the above rules will cause the project to be disqualified and all awards and premiums forfeited.

15. All rabbit exhibitors should be ready and in place for showmanship. Showmanship will be conducted near the rabbit pens. Winners to be announced at the conclusion of the rabbit contest.

16. All rabbit pens auctioned will be dressed and delivered to buyer(s) no more than two (2) weeks after day of the show if the buyer(s) want them processed.

The Rabbit Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Carolyn Wright 512-237-4164

Superintendent: Lou Ann Peavy 512-332-6170

LAMBS

All lamb exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024-2025 Show as well as the following:

1. Validation will be Monday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Smithville ISD Ag Building. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Validation will be by ear tag. Official state validation tags for major livestock shows will also serve as validation tag number.
2. All lambs must have been sheared to the skin above the knees before the show.
3. Exhibitors can validate as many wethers as desired, but only one (1) may be exhibited at the show.
4. Lambs may not be shown with any paint or foreign substance on the lamb.
5. All breeds will be shown together in one class.
6. All exhibitors must obtain permission from the committee chairman before lambs can be removed from the show barn. Exhibitors must remain thirty (30) minutes after completion of entire show for final sale list.
7. Lambs that are shown but do not make the maximum sale cut may be sold on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
8. If a lamb exhibitor has more than one entry in the show and chooses to sell his/her animal from another division, he/she may sell the lamb on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
9. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds and a maximum of 160 pounds at the official weigh-in at show.
10. If nine (9) or fewer lambs make the show, there will be one (1) class. If ten (10) or more lambs check in at the show, there will be two (2) classes. The committee will divide the classes.

The Lamb Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Lisa Gonzales 512-963-8002

Superintendent: Jami Hanchey 512-677-2305

AG MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Entry Deadline: January 10, 2025 by 3:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$20.00, due November 12, 2024 between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Smithville ISD Ag Building

Project Arrival Time: April 26, 2025, 6:00 am - 7:30 am

Rules

1. The Ag Mechanics Chairman will verify eligibility of the project to be exhibited in the Smithville Livestock Show.
2. Projects shall be exhibited only (1) time at the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show & Sale and must be constructed within one (1) year of show dates.
3. All projects must be cleaned and painted and/or treated, and in presentable and working condition. Projects must meet all safety requirements. Trailers MUST be licensed and D.O.T. inspected, if necessary. NO SHARP POINTS exposed.
4. All trailers must have safety chains mounted to trailer tongue, to meet state requirements.
5. All projects must have blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, list of materials and a cost analysis.
6. Spaces for projects will be determined by the committee. Exhibitor may use tables, tarps and or shade tents.
7. Projects may not be modified in any way on show grounds. All work must be completed before check-in (assembly only on fairgrounds). NOTE: All projects and displays will be completed by 8:00 am.
8. Flammable and/or combustible liquids or material are not to be used on any project (paint thinners, petroleum base liquids, etc.). Gasoline and Diesel for motorized equipment must be labeled.
9. If the projects require additional fuel, entrants must notify the chairman. Each club will be required to have the correct fire extinguishers to meet OSHA requirements.
10. Every precaution will be taken to protect projects; however, the Show committee will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects.
11. Handlers assisting exhibitors in the show or sale ring on the date of the show must attend Smithville ISD. Handlers with Ag Mechanics exhibitors must adhere to the dress code as listed in General Rule #30 in order to enter the show ring.
12. Ag Mechanics projects may be sold by private treaty ONLY.

Showmanship

13. There must be a minimum of two (2) projects in order for a showmanship competition to take place.

14. Showmanship award is presented to individuals selected as having presented the best public image.

15. Showmanship awards will be determined by the Ag Mech Judge(s). All Judges' decisions are final.

16. Major considerations in the selection of winners will be as follows:

- a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects.
- b. Appropriate display of blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, list of materials and a cost analysis.
- c. Housekeeping around project.
- d. Appropriate dress.
- e. Conduct, attitude, and participation of exhibitors.
- f. Basic construction knowledge by exhibitors.

The Ag Mech Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman: Shawn Bales 512-581-8466

Superintendent: William Cook 512-947-7077