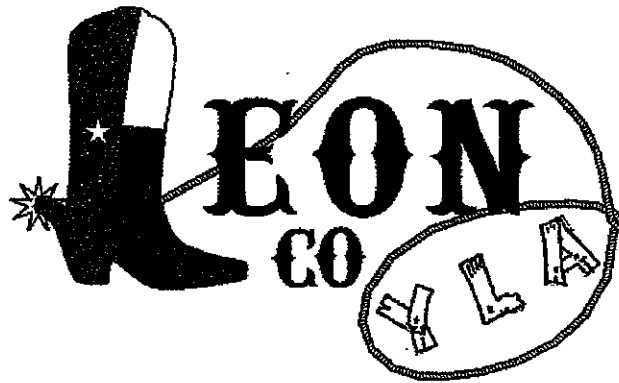


2012



**Leon County Youth
Livestock Show, Inc.**

**General Rules
and
Information**



LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC.

PO Box 687

Centerville, Texas 75833

Dear Exhibitors, Parents, and Supporters;

Another year has come and gone and now we are planning the 53rd Annual Leon County Youth Livestock Show which will begin on Monday, April 2, 2012, and conclude on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Each year at this stage we, as a committee, wonder how we can possibly have a show that is as successful as the last year's show, and each year we manage to gain a little more ground with our success.

It takes months and months of planning in order to put on the Leon County Youth Livestock Show, and it can only happen because of the dedication of the many volunteers and committee people that sacrifice their time and effort to insure that the show is the very best that it can be. I strongly encourage every parent, exhibitor and interested party to read, and save, the attached 2012 Show Rules. ***It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and parent to know the rules as well as the committee.*** Each year the Leon County Youth Livestock Show Committee makes changes to the rules and we strongly suggest that you make yourself familiar with any rule changes from the previous year. This rule book contains validation dates, policies and guidelines that you (exhibitor) are expected to comply with in order to participate in the 2012 Leon County Youth Livestock Show and Sale. If you have questions you should contact your Agricultural Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, 4H leader, or Leon County Youth Livestock Show Committee Member.

Committee Memberships are available for \$25 per year if you are interested in becoming more involved with the Leon County Youth Livestock Association.

See You At The Show,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Beshears".

Jeff Beshears, Show Chairman
Leon County Youth Livestock Association, Inc.

2012 LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012:

Halter Horse Futurity Check In	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Commercial Heifer Interviews (Extension Office)	9:00 a.m.
Halter Horse Futurity Show	10:00 a.m.
Halter Horse Showmanship	Following Halter Horse Futurity Show
Check-In Halter Heifers	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Check in Ag Mechanic's Projects	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Halter Heifer Show	4:00 p.m.
Junior & Senior Halter Heifer Showmanship	Following Halter Heifer Show
Pee Wee Halter Heifer Showmanship	Following Halter Heifer Showmanship
Leon County Livestock Show Kick Off	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012:

Check-In Market Goats	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Check in Market Lambs	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Market Lamb Show	12:30 p.m.
Market Goat Show	Following Lamb Show
Check-In Steers	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Check-In Breeding Swine	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Check-In Market Swine	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Check-In Broilers	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Broiler Showmanship	6:00 p.m.
Broiler Show	Following Broiler Showmanship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012:

Breeding Swine Show	9:00 a.m.
Junior & Senior Breeding Swine Showmanship	Following Swine Show
Pee Wee Swine Showmanship	Following Breeding Swine Show
Remove Breeding Swine	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Check-In Market Rabbits	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Check-In Breeding Rabbits	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Check-In Commercial Heifers	3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Cowboy Church Service	4:30 p.m.
Market Rabbit Show	5:00 p.m.
Breeding Rabbit Show	Following Market Rabbit Show

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2011:

Commercial Heifer Judging	9:00 a.m.
Market Hog Show	9:00 a.m.
Junior & Senior Market Hog Showmanship	Following Market Hog Show
Commercial Heifer Awards	2:30 p.m.
Commercial Heifer Photographs	Following Commercial Heifer Awards
Market Steer Show	6:00 p.m.
Junior & Senior Steer Showmanship	Following Steer Show
Adult Steer Showmanship	Following Jr. & Sr. Steer Showmanship
Final Sale Item Notifications Due	4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012:

Invitational Livestock Judging Contest Registration	8:00 a.m.
Invitational Livestock Judging Contest	9:00 a.m.
Ag Mechanics Judging	1:00 p.m.
Sale Ring Setup for Premium Sale	12:00 noon
Buyers' Dinner	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Pre-Sale Activities & Special Recognition	5:15 p.m.
Premium Sale	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012:

Load-Out Hogs, Goats, Lambs, Steers, Commercial Heifers	8:00 a.m.
Clean Show Barn	8:00 a.m.

**2012 LEON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Jeff Beshears, President
Ed Phillips, Vice-President
Rachel Gonce, Secretary
Mike Wilson, Treasurer
Melinda Wilson, Show Secretary**

**Rick Baldwin
Wayne Cockrell
Brian Hill
George Holleman
Jennifer McGill
Tommy Neyland
Tommy Snow**

2012 LEON COUNTY SHOW OFFICIALS

President Jeff Beshears
Vice-President Ed Phillips
Secretary of the Board Rachel Gonce
Treasurer Mike Wilson
Show Secretary Melinda Wilson

Bookkeepers Cindy Easterling, Melanie Beshears,
Lenora Oden,, Becky Cockrell,
Melinda Wilson, Kim Wright

Add-On Table Eddie Harcrow & Kathryn Harcrow
Auctioneers Ed Phillips and Rusty Mertink
Event Announcers Andy Leathers & Carrie Leathers

SUPERINTENDENTS

Steers Brian Hill, Tommy Neyland
Breeding Cattle LaNei Cadenhead
Swine Jeff Beshears
Rabbits Tommy Snow
Lambs Wayne Cockrell
Broilers Lenora Oden, Mike Wilson
Commercial Heifers George Holleman, Rachel Gonce
Market Goats Wayne Cockrell, Tommy Snow
Halter Horse Futurity Jennifer McGill
Ag Mechanic's Show Brad Gonce
Livestock Judging Contest Tommy Neyland

JUDGES FOR 2012 SHOW

Steers Chase Runion
Halter Heifers Greg Tucker
Market Swine Dirk Aarons
Market Lambs and Goats Jake Thorne
Broilers Keith Staggs
Market & Breeding Rabbits Mary Jo Terry
Breeding Swine Rob Vincent
Commercial Heifers Charles Rotella, Tom Quarles, Ron Gill
Commercial Heifer Interviews .. Billy Zanolli, Jason Cleere, Larry Boleman
Ag Mechanic's Show Rusty Mertink
Halter Horse Futurity Josh Blanick

VALIDATION DATES

2012 LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST BE PRESENT AT VALIDATION ALONG WITH THE EXHIBITOR TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS.

Halter Horse Futurity

Monday, November 7, 2011
Center Ranch Equine Center
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Commercial Heifers

Monday, November 14, 2011
Buffalo Auction Barn
3:00 to 6:00 PM

MANDATORY MEETING DATE

Monday, November 7, 2011, 7 pm

VOLUNTARY MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 12, 2012, 7 pm

Steers

Monday, November 14, 2011
Buffalo Animal Hospital
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Lambs & Goats

Monday, December 5, 2011
Leon County Show Grounds
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Market Hogs

Monday, January 9, 2012
Buffalo Auction Barn
3:00 to 6:00 PM

Rabbits

Monday, March 5, 2012
Leon County Show Grounds
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Broiler Order Deadline

Monday, December 5, 2011
5 PM

Leon County Agri-Life Extension Office

Broiler Pick-Up

To Be Announced
Centerville Ag Shop
3:00 to 4:00 PM

**A COMPLETE SET OF SHOW RULES CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE
LEON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE WEB SITE**

<http://leon-tx.tamu.edu>

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2012 LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Interpretation and Violation of Rules:

- A. The Leon County Youth Livestock Show reserves for its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine and settle all matters, questions and differences in regards to these rules.
- B. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all such privileges and premiums afforded by the stock show as management may order.

- 2. The Leon County Youth Livestock Show and Sale is open to active eligible County 4-H and High School FFA youth in the Buffalo, Centerville, Leon, *Normangee and Oakwood School Districts.

****A Normangee 4-H or FFA member may validate an entry in the Leon County Youth Livestock Show only if that exhibitor has not validated an entry (of any type) in the Normangee Livestock Show.***

If a Leon County 4-H or FFA youth participates in any other county livestock show with a market animal that member cannot participate in the Leon County Livestock Show.

- 3. Exhibitors must meet ALL 4-H and FFA Club requirements to be eligible to show. This includes the State "No Pass/No Play" requirements as mandated by the Texas Education Agency and Legislature. **Starting with the 2013 show all exhibitors must pass the "Quality Counts" program.**
- 4. All 4-H and FFA projects must be in possession and daily care of the exhibitor by the validation date specified in the rules and remain in possession for the entire feeding period. All projects are subject to unannounced inspections by superintendents or superintendents' designees.
- 5.
 - A. An exhibitor may show more than one project, but may only sell one project. Exhibitors must be present at the sale to be eligible to sell their project unless excused by the Show committee. If the exhibitor is not present when it is time to sell and has not received permission for a substitute (see rule #6) the animal will not be sold.
 - B. All champions (Grand & Reserve) must sell unless one (1) exhibitor has multiple champions. If one exhibitor has more than one (1) champion (being either Grand or Reserve) that exhibitor must make it known prior to the Thursday afternoon deadline which champion will be sold. Recognition will be given to that exhibitor the night of the Premium Sale for having more than one champion at the show. If an exhibitor has multiple champions an alternate will be added to that species from which the champion is not sold. A total of 142 animals will be sold after all animals have been considered.
- 6. A substitute exhibitor will be allowed to show or sell under the following circumstances:
 - A. **Severe Illness or Injury** – A doctors statement must be submitted to the Show Chairman as soon as possible prior to the Show or Sale date.
 - B. **Death in the immediate family**

- C. **School sponsored activity (this will also include participation in regional and national Little Dribbler competition)** – This substitution request must be made in writing by the exhibitor's parents and /or guardian upon arrival at the show. ***This request must be accompanied by a notarized statement, signed by a school administrator, on school letterhead, stating the specific reason a substitute is requested in the case of Little Dribbler competition, a letter signed by the county organizational president that includes the dates, time and location of the competition.***
7. A substitute exhibitor must be a member in good standing in a Leon County 4-H or FFA Club. ***Substitute exhibitors may not compete in Showmanship Classes.***
8. Showmanship will be divided into three (3) age categories in the following divisions: Steers, Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Lambs, Goats, Halter Heifers and Broilers. Junior Showmanship will be comprised of exhibitors who are 8 years of age (currently in third grade) through 10 years of age inclusive as of show date. Intermediate Showmanship will be comprised of exhibitors who are 11-13 years of age inclusive as of show date. Senior Showmanship will be comprised of exhibitors who are 14-18 years of age or older as of show date. ***In the Horse Division there will be only one showmanship class.*** Exhibitors must own the animal to be eligible for Showmanship. A Herdsman Award will given in the Commercial Heifer Division. Adult showmanship in cattle will be provided. Adults do not have to own animal. Pee Wee classes of showmanship in swine and heifers is open to exhibitors at least 5 years of age and up to the age of 4-H eligibility which is 9 years old or in the third grade.
9. **Unethical Fitting:** To foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is strictly prohibited. Unethically fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, musculature or weight of any animal by any unnatural means, including surgery, or by the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of the food or marketability of its carcass. (Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing injections, bruising, etc.) Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the Show every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. The exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. The exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers or committee persons.
10. **Unsportsmanlike conduct by exhibitor or parents will be grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of premium or awards. (Also see Rule 11B and Rule 29).**
11. A. Any Show protest must be submitted in writing along with a **\$100 cash deposit** to the Show Chairman. A Grievance committee appointed by the chairman will consider a properly submitted protest. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned. If the protest is denied, the deposit will be forfeited. All protest must be filed prior to the conclusion of that specific class of animal's check-in time.
- B. Any animal/exhibitor disqualified, for any reason, must be notified in writing at the time of disqualification the reason they are being disqualified. They will be entitled to a meeting with the Show Committee at that time, if they dispute the reason for their disqualification. The meeting must contain at least five (5) Committee Members, with a minimum of one member being either the Superintendent of the class of animal in question, the Show Chairman or the County Extension Agent.

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- C. Any exhibitor who chooses to withdraw a market animal from the Leon County Youth Livestock Show, after that animal has qualified for the Premium Sale, must submit in writing to the Leon County Youth Livestock Show Association, Inc., the reason for their withdrawal of the animal. The letter must include the date of withdrawal, the animal tag number, the reason for withdrawing, and must be signed by both the exhibit and parent/guardian, before the animal will be released by Leon County Youth Livestock Show Association, Inc. *This does not include situations whereby the exhibitor is choosing between two animals that have both qualified for the premium sale.*
12. **A \$50.00 penalty will be assessed to a sale or non-sale exhibitor who does not report in person (or by a designated representative) to his/her superintendent by 8:00am on the Saturday of load out. Exhibitor is personally responsible for the disposition and loading of his/her animal.**
13. **The possession and consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited on the Leon County Show grounds.**
14. **Liability Statement: *The Leon County Youth Livestock Show and its representatives are not responsible for accidents and/or loss or damage to personal property or livestock. All exhibitors and exhibits must comply with the rules and regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show, but the Show in no case will 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 shall indemnify the Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto , 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 animals so exhibited.***
15. **A commission of seven percent (7%) will be charged on all livestock exhibits sold at the auction. A commission of seven percent (7%) will also be charged on all add-ons of \$100 or over per exhibitor.**
16. **2012 Leon County Youth Livestock Show Entry Fees:**

Market fees are due at validation

Market Entry Fee: (Entry is equal to one exhibitor and one animal)

Steer	\$15.00 per entry plus \$5.00 each additional animal
Swine	\$15.00 per entry plus \$5.00 each additional animal
Lamb	\$15.00 per entry plus \$5.00 each additional animal
Rabbits	\$15.00 per entry
Broilers	\$15.00 per entry
Commercial Heifers	\$15.00 per entry (entry is 2 heifers) plus \$5.00 per additional heifer
Market Goats	\$15.00 per entry plus \$5.00 each additional animal
Halter Horse Futurity	\$15.00 per entry plus \$5.00 each additional animal

Breeding Entry Fee:

Beef	\$15.00 per entry
Swine	\$15.00 per entry
Rabbits	\$ 2.50 per rabbit

**CATTLE AND SWINE BREEDING SHOW ENTRIES AND FEES
ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012, BY 5 P.M.
TO THE LEON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.**

**BREEDING RABBIT ENTRY FEES ARE DUE AT MARKET RABBIT
VALIDATION.**

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

***ALL ENTRY FEES DOUBLE AFTER DEADLINE.
BREEDING SHOW ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
MARCH 2nd, 2012.***

17. All market entry forms must include: – NO EXCEPTIONS!

- a. Exhibitor's Signature
- b. Parent Signature
- c. Ag Science Teacher or County Extension Agent Signature

18. Validation dates for the 2012 Leon County Youth Livestock Show:

Commercial Heifers	November 14, 2011, 3-6 pm, Buffalo Auction Barn
Steers	November 14, 2011, 4-6 pm, Buffalo Animal Hospital
Halter Horse Futurity	November 7, 2011, Noon, Leon County Ext. Office
Lambs & Goats	December 5, 2011, 4-6 pm, Leon County Show Grounds
Market Hogs	January 9, 2012, 3-6 pm, Buffalo Auction Barn
Rabbits	March 5, 2012, 4-6 pm, Leon County Show Grounds
Broilers Pick-Up	TO BE ANNOUNCED, 3-4 pm, Centerville Ag Shop

***ABSOLUTELY no animal will be validated after the
official validation for that species is completed.***

19. The use of electrical clippers on any market animal is prohibited on the Leon County Show Grounds from Monday, April 2, 2012, through Saturday, April 7, 2012.

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20. **All exhibitors are responsible for the care of projects while at the county show. Any Show official may remove any unruly animal from the Show. There will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot.**
21. **Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal. (Pee Wee events are exempt from this rule).**
22. **The use of drugs/medication on market animals must be an approved substance by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. Any use of drugs or substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All feed withdrawal requirements will be met by the exhibitor at their expense. The Board reserves the right to submit any animal to random drug testing.**
23. **Show management reserves the right to require health certificates. *Diseased animals will be barred from the show.* Special care will be taken that no animal having a disease of any character will be admitted into the show grounds at any time, and livestock show officials are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any stock having a disease or undesirable ailment.**
24. **All animals validated for the Leon County Youth Livestock Show will be subject to DNA testing.**
25. **Loss of validation tags on goats, steers, lambs, hogs and commercial heifers *must be reported immediately* to the Department Superintendent or Advisor. Show officials will determine the validity of a re-tag. Any animal retagged will be subject to DNA verification.**
26. **All market and breeding show exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their stalls, pens or cages at the end of the show. Commercial Heifer Exhibitors will be responsible for disassembling all commercial heifer pens and assisting in the clean up of the Commercial Heifer stalling area.**
27. **All sale exhibitors will remain at the auction sale until the complete sale is over or when their superintendent gives them permission to leave. Failure to be present for a "re-sale back to the barn" will result in possible monetary penalties.**
28. **All auction sale exhibitors and alternates will be required to have their picture made at times to be determined by the show officials.**
29. **Exhibitor checks will be available from the Show approximately 6-8 weeks following the close of the show. Checks will not be released to a exhibitor until they have returned the signed "Certificate of Photo and Letter Delivery" indicating that they have delivered their thank you note and picture to their buyer. No unpaid add-ons will be given to exhibitor. Checks will also be withheld from exhibitors with outstanding Show debt.**

30. Exhibitors, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors, violating and/ or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, Officer-in charge, Division Chairmen, committeemen and/or other officials of the Show in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, etc., may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate, may have their entries cancelled, and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.
31. If an animal becomes sick at the livestock show, every effort will be made to contact the exhibitor by phone at the numbers listed on their entry form. If they cannot be reached, the Department Superintendent will call a veterinarian to aid the animal at the exhibitor's expense.
32. All decisions of the show committee are final.
33. Deadline for Sale Order:

Exhibitors who qualify two or more animals for the sale must present in writing the order of sale preference for the animal they wish to sell in the Premium Auction by 4 PM, or one (1) hour after the announcement of the commercial heifer placings, whichever comes latest, on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

The only exception to this is for steer exhibitors who must notify the show secretary immediately following the Steer Show on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

34. **EXHIBITORS: IF YOU ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY LIVESTOCK FOR THE JUDGING CONTEST, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH OFFICIALS. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF INTENT TO USE YOUR ANIMAL AND IF SELECTED, THEY WILL REMAIN IN PLACE ONE HOUR AFTER THE JUDGING CONTEST IS COMPLETE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE BARN. LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW HAS THE RIGHT TO USE ANY ANIMALS FOR USE OF LIVESTOCK JUDGING.**

STEER RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. Top twenty-seven (27) steers will be sold, *quality permitting*. Only one steer per exhibitor may be shown.**
- 3. A family may validate a steer or steers under more than one exhibitors name, but youth must be a member of that immediate family.**
- 4. All steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at weigh-in on the show date. Steer must be reasonably clean.**
- 5. All steers are to be slick sheared to a hair length of .25 inches or less at show weigh-in. Hair length will be checked by superintendent at show weigh-in. *All cattle not meeting Show rules by the end of the specified check in time will be disqualified.***
- 6. All steers will be classified into weight classes as determined by the show, with a maximum of 5 classes. Judge will determine sale order regardless of placing in the class.**

COMMERCIAL HEIFER RULES

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.
2. A pen of heifers will consist of two (2) animals. One pen may be sold per exhibitor. Heifers may be purchased from any breeder or cattle auction in Texas.
3. A family may validate heifers under more than one exhibitor's name, but youth must be a member of the immediate family. ***A MAXIMUM OF 5 OPEN HEIFERS PER EXHIBITOR MAY BE VALIDATED.*** Commercial heifers will be ear tagged and permanently tattooed with official Leon County Show symbol. Heifers are required to be vaccinated with a 7-way Clostridial booster vaccine, IBR-P13-BVD-BRSV and Pasteurella haemolytica booster vaccines. (Equivalent to Tex-Vac Program).

HEIFERS ARE TO BE VACCINATED FOR BRUCELLOSIS AND HAVE TATTOO AND EAR TAG PRIOR TO VALIDATION.

THERE WILL BE NO BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATIONS GIVEN DURING VALIDATION. A copy of the health papers showing Brucellosis vaccinations records on all heifers being validated will be given to show representative at gate before cattle are unloaded. ANY HEIFER NOT HAVING BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION BEFORE COMING FOR VALIDATION WILL NOT BE VALIDATED.

4. Suggested age of the heifers will be fourteen to eighteen months (14-18 mos.) old the week of the county show. Suggested types of heifers are the type that our area cattlemen use as replacement heifers on their cattle ranches. Commercial heifers should be dehorned. Clipping commercial heifers is optional.
5. Heifers are required to be pregnancy checked diagnosed by a veterinarian and certified to be OPEN within two (2) weeks of the show date. **CERTIFICATION PAPERS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE UNLOADING CATTLE AT CHECK-IN.**
6. Heifers will be graded and placed by a committee of judges. Placement is also sale order of heifers.
7. A maximum of twenty (20) pens of commercial heifers will sell in the show auction, *quality permitting*.
8. Feed and feed pans are to be furnished by exhibitor. Water bucket will be furnished. **ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012, CHECK-IN DAY, HEIFERS WILL BE WATERED BY COMMERCIAL HEIFER SUPERINTENDENT AFTER ALL HEIFERS ARE CHECKED IN.** (If you brought your water from home to water your heifers on Wednesday, leave it with the superintendent and they will water your

heifers with your water). After Wednesday night, exhibitors are responsible for watering their commercial heifers.

9. **HERDSMANSHIP WILL BE MANDATORY. A RECORD BOOK THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SHOW COMMITTEE IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012, TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 5:00 PM. THE JUDGES WILL ONLY ASK QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE EXHIBITORS RECORD BOOK. INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012, AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE STARTING AT 9 AM. Exhibitors will be given an appointed time for their interviews. Schools will be notified and exhibitors will be excused from school to come for their interviews. After the exhibitors interview, the exhibitor will be given a written proof of completion notice to be given to the Commercial Heifer Superintendent on Wednesday, April 6, 2012, at Commercial Heifer Check-In. WITHOUT PROOF OF COMPLETION NOTICE THE EXHIBITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHECK IN COMMERCIAL HEIFERS.**

THERE WILL BE ONE (1) MANDATORY MEETING FOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER EXHIBITORS TO ATTEND. THIS MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2011, AT 7 PM IN THE GRAND ROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX II IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS. A SECOND MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2012, AT 7 PM IN THE GRAND ROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX II IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS. AT THE MANDATORY MEETING THE EXHIBITOR SHOULD ATTEND, BUT IF NOT POSSIBLE, A FAMILY MEMBER SHOULD BE THERE TO REPRESENT THE EXHIBITOR. THERE WILL BE A SIGN IN SHEET AT THE MEETINGS.

HALTER HEIFER RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. Exhibitor may show as many heifers as they wish. Heifers can be purebred or crossbred. All heifers must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.**
- 3. Heifers must be halter broken and be considered manageable by the show officials in order to show.**
- 4. Halter heifer class will be divided into the following breed categories:**
 - A. English**
 - B. American**
 - C. Exotic**

If numbers permit, each breed category will be divided into three (3) age classes. Age break will be determined by show officials.

- 5. Houston Livestock Show rules will be used to determine maximum age limit for halter heifers.**
- 6. The halter heifer show will be a "Blow and Show" event. No adhesives, coloring or painting will be allowed.**

MARKET SWINE RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. The top thirty-five (35) market hogs will be sold, *quality permitting*. Only one hog per exhibitor may be shown.**
- 3. A family may validate a pig or pigs under more than one exhibitor's name but youth must be a member of that immediate family. A maximum of 6 pigs per exhibitor may be validated.**
- 4. *All market hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 295 pounds at show weigh-in with no variances allowed. Only one re-weigh will be allowed during scheduled weigh-in times.* Market hogs must be reasonably clean at the official weigh in.**
- 5. Hogs will be classified into weight classes as determined by show officials.**
- 6. Gilts or barrows of any breed may be shown.**
- 7. The top 4 market hogs in each class automatically, *quality permitting*, make the sale with judge's approval. Judge will select order regardless of placing in the class.**

BREEDING SWINE RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. Exhibitor can show as many gilts as they wish. Gilts can be purebred or crossbred. *Gilts must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.***
- 3. Gilt classes will be divided into weight classes to be determined by show officials.**
- 4. Swine showmanship class is open to breeding swine exhibitors only.**

MARKET LAMB RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. The top ten (10) lambs will be sold, *quality permitting*. Only one lamb per exhibitor may be shown.**
- 3. A family may validate a lamb or lambs under more than one exhibitor's name, but youth must be a member of that immediate family. A maximum of 3 lambs per exhibitor may be validated.**
- 4. Either wether or ewe lambs of any breed may be shown.**
- 5. All lambs must weigh a minimum of eighty-five (85) pounds at the county show weigh-in. There is no maximum weight limit or tooth rule.**
- 6. All lambs must be sheared slick within two weeks of the show and have a uniform length of fleece. Boots and forelegs may be left on lambs.**
- 7. Only "touch up" (non-electrical) shearing as interpreted by officials will be allowed on show grounds.**
- 8 Lambs will be classified into weight classes as determined by the show officials. Maximum of ten (10) lambs per class. A minimum of two classes will be set. Judge will select sale order regardless of class placing.**

MARKET GOAT RULES

- 1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.**
- 2. The top seventeen (17) market goats will be sold, quality permitting. Only one goat per exhibitor may be shown.**
- 3. A family may validate a goat or goats under more than one exhibitor's name, but youth must be a member of that immediate family. A maximum of 3 goats per exhibitor may be validated.**
- 4. Goats may be female or wethers.**
- 5. All goats must weigh a minimum of 55 pounds at the county show weigh-in. There is no maximum weight or tooth rule . The suggested age of the goat at show time is 10 to 12 months old.**
- 6. All goats must be sheared, prior to show arrival, to a hair length of no more than 3/8 inch from knee and hock up, excluding the tip of the tail. Only "touch up"(non-electrical) shearing as interpreted by officials will be allowed on show grounds.**
- 7. If goat has horns they must be tipped with no sharp points.**
- 8. Goats will be led in the show ring by a collar or a choke chain and exhibitors may use a short lead attached to the collar or chain.**
- 9. Goats will be classified into weight classes as determined by the show officials. A minimum of two classes will be set. Judge will select the sale order regardless of class placing.**

BROILER RULES

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.
2. The top fifteen (15) pens of broilers will be sold, *quality permitting*. Only one pen of three broilers may be shown per exhibitor.
3. Each pen of three broilers that make the sale will be safely processed, iced down in a insulated cooler and delivered to the buyer within 14 days of the end of the Show.
- 4.. No weight limits. Feed & water containers provided by exhibitor.
5. Roosters and /or pullets may be shown.
6. All broiler chicks will be ordered through the exhibitors FFA teacher or through the Leon County Extension office.

***Orders and fees are due no later than Monday, December 5, 2011.
Broilers are ordered in multiples of 25.***

**Make checks payable to *Leon County Livestock Show.*
Mail to *PO Box 687, Centerville, Texas, 75833.*
(Entry fees due on delivery date)**

For more information call the Extension office at 903-536-2531.

7. After broilers are sifted and placed in the pen they will be judged as show ready.
8. Exhibitors are expected to present their broilers at the check-in sift.
9. A special "Big Bird" contest will be held. The rules are as follows:
 - Bird must be tagged showing that the exhibitor owns the bird.
 - Bird cannot be from pen of 3 broilers to be shown.
 - Only one (1) bird per broiler exhibitor may be entered.
 - All birds will be weighed on the same scale. The heaviest bird wins.
 - A trophy and a \$50 cash prize will be awarded to winner
 - The "Big Bird" will be sold by the exhibitor at the auction with proceeds going to the barn fund.
 - Rule #3 will apply in regard to processing and delivery to buyer.
10. Broiler Showmanship contest will be held between check-in and the start of judging. Contact your Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent for more information.

MARKET RABBIT RULES

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.
2. The top fifteen (15) pens of rabbits will be sold, *quality permitting*. Each exhibitor may show one (1) market pen which consists of three (3) rabbits. Entry fee is \$15.00 due on validation date set by show officials. Fees will be paid directly to validation committee.
3. Suggested age of market rabbit will be no older than 10 weeks at the time of the show.
4. Weight of all market rabbits will be from 3-1/2 pounds to 5 pounds per rabbit.
5. A fur class will follow the market show, which will consist of one market rabbit owned and selected by the exhibitor with the best fur to represent the exhibitor's feeding and grooming program.
6. **Market Rabbit Disqualifications:**
 - A. **Ear Canker**-An inflamed, swollen, scabby condition of the lower inside ear, caused by ear mites. Ears need to be clean so we can see the lower section of the ear.
 - B. **Sore Hock**-An open bleeding condition of either the fore or hind feet of the rabbit.
 - C. **Malocclusion:** "*Buck*" or "*Wolf*" teeth have the lower incisors extending in front of the upper incisors; sometimes curving to the sides and unusually long.

Simple Malocclusion- When teeth meet "head-on" with no overlap of upper teeth.
 - D. **Cold**-A respiratory infection, characterized by sneezing; a thin watery nasal discharge, and slightly matted fur on the inside of the front feet.
 - E. **NOTICE:** Any sick animal will be removed from the show at the discretion of the superintendent.

BREEDING RABBIT RULES

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show.
2. Entry fee \$2.50 per rabbit. The late fee is \$5.00. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) rabbits per class. All entries and fees due at market rabbit validation.
3. All breeding classes will be judged according to the breed characteristics.
4. Breeding rabbits will be put in classes as follows:

A.O.B. Does and bucks will be put in classes according to their breed specifications.

Californian: (Does and Bucks):	Senior	8-12 pounds
	6/8	6-under 8 pounds
	Junior	under 6 pounds

New Zealand: (Does and Bucks):	Senior	8-12 pounds
	6/8	6-under 8 pounds
	Junior	under 6 pounds

5. Substitutions will be allowed in all classes.
6. Breeding Rabbits Disqualifications:
 - A. We will use the same disqualifications as stated in the market rabbits plus the following:
 - B. Smut-A dark, sooty appearing area affecting the surface color located on the belly or lower hind quarters.
 - C. Blind or Walled Eye-Having a milky film over the cornea or an extremely light eye having a glazed appearance.
 - D. Missing Toe Nail-No trace of the toe nail. As long as part is attached it is okay.
 - E. Rupture of Hernia-Protrusion of abdominal cavity collecting between the skin and the muscle.
 - F. **NOTICE:** Any sick animal will be removed from the show at the discretion of the superintendent.

BREEDING RABBIT RULES (Continued)

7. **The decision of the judge is final.**
8. **The Leon County Livestock Show Superintendent or any other official of the Leon County Livestock Show will not be held 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, or occasioned by, or arising from the exhibit of any entry.**
9. **Each exhibitor will be responsible to clean-up his area when the judging is complete. No exhibitor will be allowed to remove animals until all judging is completed.**
10. **No trading, purchasing or selling of rabbits until after all judging is completed.**
11. **After judging is completed, feel free to discuss all inquiries with the judge.**

AG MECHANIC'S SHOW RULES

1. Eligible exhibitors are Leon County 4-H and FFA members.
2. An entry fee of \$15.00 will be charged for each entry.
3. Classes:
 - A. **LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT** (squeeze chutes, feeders, mineral boxes, head gates, etc.)
 - B. **FARM MACHINERY** (mowers, shredders, packers, fertilizer distributor, etc.)
 - C. **FARM, HOME AND YARD** (yard tables, swings, book shelves, etc.)
 - D. **FARM ELECTRICAL PROJECTS** (brooders, lamps, elevators, conveyors, power tools, etc.)
 - E. **TRAILERS** - under 16'
 - F. **TRAILERS** - 16' and over
 - G. **GATES** (metal or wood)
 - H. **WOODWORK PROJECTS** (show boxes, bookcases, tool boxes, gun racks, etc.)
 - I. **WILDLIFE**
 - J. **BARBEQUE SETS AND GRILLS**
 - K. **BARBEQUE TRAILER**
 - L. **TRUCK ACCESSORIES**

4. The Danish System will be used in judging the projects:

Workmanship	30 points
Design and Materials Used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
Finish	10 points
Plans and Pictures	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100 points

5. Projects receiving 90-100 points will receive a blue ribbon. Projects receiving 89 points or below will receive a red ribbon.
6. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; *however, neither the Leon County Youth Livestock Show nor the officials of the show will be responsible for losses or damages to projects.*
7. All projects may have a "For Sale" sign posted on them during the show, ***BUT MUST BE REMOVED FOR JUDGING.***

HALTER HORSE FUTURITY

- 1. Horses must be solely owned by 4-H or FFA members, their parents (biological or step), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian.**
- 2. Horses must be in 4-H or FFA member's possession and under his or her management and care by NOVEMBER 7, 2011.**
- 3. Exhibitors may validate more than one horse for the futurity; however, a member may show only one horse in the futurity.**
- 4. Exhibitors must present their horse for confirmation of paperwork and DNA testing at validation on November 7, 2011, at the CVRS, Center Ranch. If the horse is not registered and considered a "Grade" horse, the horse must be aged by a licensed veterinarian with the proper signed documentation to accompany the "Horse Validation Form."**
- 5. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. A list of horses validated for futurity will be published in the exhibitor list. Validation constitutes a show entry.**
- 6. Futurity horses may be shown prior to the Leon County Livestock Show; however, after the horse becomes a futurity project on November 7, 2011, it can be shown only by the 4-H or FFA member.**
- 7. Futurity horses will be yearlings and two-year-olds. The age of the horse will be as of January 1, 2012, (i.e., foals born between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011, will be yearlings, foals born between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010, will be two-year-olds). Only mares and geldings are eligible to compete. NO STALLIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

HALTER FUTURITIES EQUIPMENT:

- 1. *Lip Chains:* Mares and geldings may NOT be shown with any chain through the mouth including but not limited to lip chains.**
- 2. Use a clean halter that is adjusted to fit the horse. The halter should fit well on the horse's head to maximize response to subtle halter cues. The lead strap may be snapped below the jaw in the center ring of the halter, or the chain can be run under the horse's chin and snapped to the upper or lower halter ring on the right side of the horse's head.**

JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Horses will walk to the judge one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right (left of the horse) to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed at 50 feet (15 metes) away. It is at judge's discretion whether horses

will trot straight past this cone or turn left and continue trotting. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. The judge should line the horses to be placed in a head-to-tail order according to preference.

When judging of all classes in halter division has been completed, all first and second place class winners shall return to the ring, with first place class winners in one line and the second place class winners in another line. The judge must select a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. The judge shall select the Grand Champion from the first place class winners. If the first place horse does not return for any reason, the second place horse will move up the first place line and be considered for Grand and Reserve Champions. The third place horse cannot move up to second place in the class. The second place horse in the class from which the Grand Champion had been selected will be judged with the first place class winners for the title of Reserve Champion.

AWARDS

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be named. Each will receive a belt buckle. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be sold in the premium auction.

REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE CHECK-IN IN ORDER FOR THE HORSE TO BE SOLD AS A REGISTERED HORSE AND NOT A GRADE HORSE.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

1. Entries of \$40.00 due by 8:00 a.m. April 6, 2012, in the Leon County Youth Livestock Show Office. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Contestants not present at this time will not be permitted to participate in the contest. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters may enter as teams or individually. There is no limit to the teams per school, chapter, or 4-H Club. Teams are limited to 4 members.

2. CONTEST FORMAT:

- A. Classes of livestock of four animals each (beef, swine, lambs, goats) will be placed.
- B. Two (2) question classes of 25 questions may be included.

3. RULES OF CONTEST

- A. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes for each class.
- B. State judging contest rules and regulations will apply.
- C. Awards will be presented in both Junior (8th grade and lower) and Senior (9th grade and up) divisions.
- D. Scoring for the contest will be done by computer. Cares that are not filled out properly or not turned in after the contest will be disqualified. If the class placing does not match in both areas on the judging card, the card will not be remarked and the contestant will receive no score for that class.

4. AWARD DIVISIONS:

- 1. Junior 4-H members and FFA members will compete in the Junior Division for overall awards.
- 2. Senior 4-H members and FFA members will compete in the Senior Division for overall awards.

NOTE EXHIBITORS: IF YOU ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY LIVESTOCK FOR THE JUDGING CONTEST, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH OFFICIALS. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF INTENT TO USE YOUR ANIMAL AND IF SELECTED, THEY WILL REMAIN IN PLACE ONE HOUR AFTER THE JUDGING CONTEST IS COMPLETE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE BARN. LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW HAS THE RIGHT TO USE ANY ANIMALS FOR USE OF LIVESTOCK JUDGING.