

Smithville Livestock Show Rules

2023-2024

September 3, 2023

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 6th, 2024** at the Vernon Richards River Bend Park Pavilion.

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.

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

<u>Steers</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Lambs</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Goats</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Barrows</u>	<u>January 13, 2024</u>	<u>2:00-3:30pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Broilers</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Heifers</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Rabbits</u>	<u>November 13, 2023</u>	<u>6:00-7:00pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>
<u>Ag Mechanics</u>	<u>January 13, 2024</u>	<u>2:00-3:30pm</u>	<u>Smithville Ag Building</u>

- ❖ *There will be no offsite validation for animals*
- ❖ **NEW:** *Exhibitors with state validated animals must bring an additional copy of their state validation paperwork with them to accompany their entry form.*
- ❖ *Validation dates are listed under each of the species' rules; please note that they may differ from the entry date(s) listed above.*

If you are interested in participating in the show, please contact the division chairman before the dates listed above. The Chairpersons are as follows:

Larry Richards - Beef	Lou Sloan - Broilers
Craig Williams - Barrows	Carolyn Wright - Rabbits
Lisa Gonzales - Lambs	Larry Richards – Goats
Amanda Lowden – Ag Mechanics	Lou Ann Peavy – Show Ring Coordinator

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Chuck Goertz,
President

GENERAL RULES & 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. **NEW:** Eligibility Requirements:
 - (A) 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.
 - (B) 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.
 - (C) 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).
 - (D) 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.
 - (E) 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.
 - (F) 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 **March 24, 2024** 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 have dues paid and be signed up for FFA/4-H as a member by **October 23rd, 2023** to be eligible to show in the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. The exhibitor must submit a project record form to be turned in at the Mandatory Meeting in March to the Show Ring Coordinator at sign-in.
4. The Smithville FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at 8:00 am on **Saturday, April 6th, 2024**.
5. The committee will request sealed resale bids to be in by 12:00 noon, **Saturday, April 6th, 2024**, with the sale starting at 4:30 pm.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. **NEW: All exhibitors must have a valid parent email at the time of validation of your species or you will not be allowed to validate.** *Entry fees - \$20.00 per head or pen validated.* 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 (if exhibitor is a minor) 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.
9. Entries - All entries 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.
10. 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.
11. Each exhibitor may validate as many animals per species as desired (with the exception of rabbits - refer to the rabbit rules for details). Any child of that family (Sibling) whose name appears on the validated form may show any one of the animals validated to that family. **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 by 7:30 am or the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 (cash or check) in order to be allowed to show. The time period between 7:30 am and 8:00 am 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 will be disqualified.
12. **NEW:** 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.
13. Exhibitors are allowed to sell only one (1) project in the Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale Auction.
14. 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, March 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm.* Exhibitors will work under the direction of the division chairman and must check in/out with them.
 - (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 7th, 2024 at 2:00 pm.* Exhibitors will work under the direction of the division chairman and must check in/out with them.
 - (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.
15. 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.
16. Any or all saleable projects may be subject to drug testing. Drug testing will be conducted immediately following judging.

17. Pens and stalls will be furnished by the SLS Committee.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. Judge's decisions are final on placement.
21. Exhibitors will be allowed to provide their own bedding. It must be pre-packaged wood shavings only, not hay, carpet, etc.
22. Exhibitor must feed, bed, care for and keep his/her animal and stall properly cleaned during the entire show and sale.
23. At conclusion of judging, all animals must be placed in designated stall until released by their respective division chairman or superintendent.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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
27. Showmanship Awards:
 - (A) **Livestock Projects:** There will be a showmanship award given in the following Junior & Senior divisions if applicable for an outstanding beef (steers & heifers), barrows, lamb, goat, broilers, and rabbits, exhibitors. **Every exhibitor must participate in showmanship.** There must be two (2) or more animals validated in both the species in the Jr. and Sr. divisions to have a showmanship buckle awarded. If there are not enough animals validated, the divisions will be combined into one (1).
 - (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.
28. Junior division is a member in the 8th grade or below. Senior division is a member in 9th through 12th grade.
29. 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.

30. **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.
31. 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.
32. 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 broiler.
33. The judging order will be as follows:
 - Barrows
 - Broilers
 - Rabbits
 - Goats
 - Heifers
 - Lambs
 - Steers

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

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

- Steers
- Barrows
- Lambs
- Broilers
- Rabbits
- Heifers
- Goats
- Ag Mechanics

35. 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.
36. No persons other than exhibitors, officials, and official ring help may be in the show ring during the judging.
37. Each exhibitor who sells a project will be required to purchase a minimum of ONE (1) 8X10 picture for their buyers before he/she receives a check. 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.
38. **NEW:** 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 6th, 2024**.

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

9 Steers	8 Lambs
9 Broilers	24 Barrows
11 Rabbits	9 Goats

(B) If the total entries shown is less than 70, then all entries will be sold.

(C) If the total entries shown is more than 70, then vacant slots within a species will be divided according to rules, C1 and C2.

C1. If by the time of the sale there are vacant slots in a species there will be a drawing for the slot(s). All next available selling species names will be put into a hat and drawn.

C2. Vacant slot animals will not be allowed to bring more money than the lowest price in that species.

40. Order of sale will be posted thirty (30) minutes prior to sale with the champions selling first. 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.**
41. **NEW:** 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 Champ price of any species.
 - (B) An Add-on cannot violate rule 38. 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.
42. No breeding class entries will be sold.
43. 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.
44. 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
 - Lambs
 - Rabbits
 - Goats
 - Broilers
- 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. **NEW:** Sifted slots will be moved to the end of the sale order and not go over the amount of the lowest project sold in each allocated slots per species, including add-on. Animals will bump up if a project is pulled but they will sell \$1.00 under the lowest placing animal.
45. Any animals bought and donated for resale will be resold to the floor bid only. Rabbit and broilers sales are final.
46. 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.*
47. All salable projects will be charged a 4% commission: with exception of the resale animals and sifted animals
48. Animals must be sold as shown. (Example: no dyes, glitter, paint, decorations, clothing, etc.)
49. 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.
50. All species will weigh **ONE (1) time**. NO REWEIGH will be allowed. (Day of Show)
51. Scales available **Friday, April 5, 2024** from 6 pm – 7 pm at River Bend Park. (All Species)

STEERS

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

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

1. Steers will be validated and tagged from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Monday, November 13, 2023, at Smithville Ag Building
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of **1000 pounds** at final weigh-in on the day of show
3. Steers that do not make the weight limit will be sifted, will not be penned, and are not eligible for re-sale
4. 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.
5. **NEW:** 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.
6. Steers that are unmanageable will be sifted by the judge the day of the show. Judge's decision is final.
7. All steers will be slick shorn to within 1/4 inch, excluding tail switch.
8. Steers that are shown but do not make the maximum sale cut may be sold on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
9. 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).
10. Steer exhibitors will not be released until animal has been loaded for delivery.
11. 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.
12. There will be a beef cattle showmanship award given for Steers and Heifers combined. There must be at least two exhibitors in each age division to compete for showmanship. Beef cattle showmanship will be decided by the judge.

Steer & Heifer committee consists of the following members:

Chairman	Larry Richards	512-470-7420
Superintendent	Brand Natal	512-468-3051

HEIFERS

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on *Saturday, April 6, 2024.*

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

1. All exhibitors must obtain an entry form from a committee member and fill out the information concerning each heifer he/she intends to show. This form will state date of ownership, age, and breed of animal. Forms must be completed and turned in on November 13, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
2. 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.
3. Animals that are unmanageable will be sifted by the beef judge the day of the show. Judge's decision is final.
4. No heifers will be sold through the ring.
5. There will be two (2) classes of heifers within each breed division. The "Junior" class will consist of heifers born *January 1, 2023 or later.* The "Senior" class will consist of heifers born from *August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.*
6. Exhibitors may validate and show no more than two (2) heifers in any class.
7. The heifer show will be broken into three (3) breed divisions according to the following breeds:
 - American Influence** - Simbrah, Brangus, etc.
 - British** - Hereford, Angus, etc.
 - Exotic** - Simmental, Limousin, etc.
8. American division heifers will be shown first, followed by British division heifers, and then Exotic division heifers. Junior classes will be shown first, followed by senior classes in each breed division, in the above order. A class with only one (1) heifer will automatically become that class winner and will compete for grand or reserve champion of the show.
9. The grand champion heifer will be chosen from the first-place winners of each class.
10. The reserve champion heifer will be chosen from the remaining first place heifers and the second-place heifer from the class from which the grand champion was chosen.
11. There will be a beef cattle showmanship award given for Steers and Heifers combined. There must be at least two (2) exhibitors in each age division to compete for showmanship. Beef cattle showmanship will be decided by the judge.
12. All exhibitors must obtain permission from a committee chairman from the heifer species before heifers can be removed from the show barn.
13. Champion Heifer and Reserve Champion Heifer must have picture made directly after the show-before release and set-up for sale.

Steer & Heifer committee consists of the following members:

Chairman	Larry Richards	512-470-7420
Superintendent	Brandi Natal	512-468-3051

BARROWS

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

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

1. Validation will be **Saturday, January 13, 2024, 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
 - (D) NEW: After judging is completed, do not feed barrows before the sale to aid in taking pictures.**
7. 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 second-place animal from the class in which the grand champion was chosen.
8. All barrows must weigh a minimum of **200 pounds** and a maximum of **300 pounds** at the official weigh-in at show.
9. Barrows that do not make the weight limit will be sifted, will not be penned, and are not eligible for re-sale.
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.

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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

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

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

1. Validation will be Monday, November 13, 2023, 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. At validation, the exhibitor will designate the facility at which the goat will be fed. Goats will remain at this facility throughout the feeding period.
5. The horns of the goat must be tipped.
6. Goats will be slick shorn from knees and hocks up.
7. Goats that are unmanageable will be sifted by the judge the day of the show.
8. There will be one class of goats shown.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. All goats must weigh a minimum of **60 pounds** and a maximum of **120 pounds** at the official weigh-in at show.
13. Goats that do not make the weight limit will be sifted, will not be penned, and not eligible for resale.
14. **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:	Larry Richards	512-470-7420
Superintendent	Lisa Gonzales	512-963-8002

BROILERS

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

All broiler exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024 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 registration, **November 13, 2023.**
2. Approximate delivery date will be seven (7) 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 **April 6th, 2024** at the show barn. 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 alternate birds 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. Exhibitor 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.
9. All broilers auctioned will be dressed and delivered to buyer(s) no more than two (2) weeks after day of the show.
10. Cages will be provided on show day by the Show Committee.
11. Preliminary judging may be required depending on the total number of entries. This will be the judge's option.
12. Showmanship will be awarded if two or more pens are exhibited on show day.
13. If Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) makes all shows terminal Smithville will follow the direction of the TAHC and make show terminal.
14. **NEW:** Handlers assisting exhibitors in the show ring on the date of the show must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in General Rule #3. Handlers with broiler exhibitors must adhere to the dress code as listed in General Rule #30 in order to enter the show ring.
15. **NEW:** 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:	Lou Sloan	512-360-4322
Superintendent:	Cody Wofford	512-281-6612

RABBITS

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

All rabbit exhibitors must meet eligibility requirements outlined in the general rules for the 2024 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 **12/17/2023 – 12/24/2023**. 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 4, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at Smithville 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 non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 for validation of bunnies should be turned into the Show Committee no later than **Monday, November 13, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**
10. **NEW:** A pen of **three (3) rabbits** may be weighed at the time of final weigh in on **Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM, 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 sifted, a validated rabbit may be substituted in its place. **Exhibitors may bring one (1) alternate rabbit fryer.**
11. Upon arrival at the show and before coop assignments are made, each individual rabbit will be closely examined by the Judge/Sifting Committee. Any rabbit that is found not to be in excellent condition will be sifted 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.
12. Exhibitor 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.
13. All efforts will be made to secure a licensed American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) judge.
14. 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.
15. 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.

RABBITS (Continued)

16. Any violation of the above rules will cause the project to be disqualified and all awards and premiums forfeited.
17. Showmanship will be awarded if two (2) or more pens are exhibited on show day.
18. **NEW:** All rabbit exhibitors should be ready and in place for showmanship. Showmanship will be conducted near the rabbit pens and completed immediately following check-in. Winners to be announced at the conclusion of the rabbit judging.
19. **NEW:** 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

The Smithville FFA & 4-H Livestock Show and Sale date will be held during the annual Jamboree weekend at **8:00 am** on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

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

1. Validation will be **Monday, November 13, 2023, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at the Smithville 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. Showmanship will be awarded if two (2) or more lambs are validated in each age division (Junior and Senior).
7. 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.
8. Lambs that are shown but do not make the maximum sale cut may be sold on resale. (Exhibitor's choice).
9. 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).
10. All lambs must weigh a minimum of **90 pounds** and a maximum of **160 pounds** at the official weigh-in at show.
11. Lambs that do not make the weight limit will be sifted, will not be penned, and are not eligible for resale.
12. **NEW:** 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	Larry Richards	512-470-7420

AG MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Entry Deadline: January 13, 2024 by 3:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Project Arrival Time: April 6, 2024, 6:00 am - 7:30 am

Rules

1. **NEW:** 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. **NEW:** 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

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.

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 Amanda Lowden 512-227-1097



2024 Smithville Livestock Show Important Dates & Show Schedule



Sunday, March 24, 2024 Mandatory Workday: Vernon Richards River Bend Park Pavilion

2:00 PM Mandatory Workday (Clean facility and set up pens) – sign in/out required
Project Expense Sheets due for each project being exhibited
***Note:** there is a monetary fine for missing workday without prior approval

Friday, April 5, 2024 Show Preparation Day

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Scales available for all species

Saturday, April 6, 2024 Show Day: Vernon Richards River Bend Park Pavilion

6:00 AM – 7:30 AM Official check-in and final weigh-in (All species)

7:30 AM Deadline for all projects to be in place

8:00 AM Deadline for Ag Mechanics Project Setup & Displays to completed

Judging Begins:

 Ag Mechanics (*judged concurrently throughout the show*)

 Barrows

 Broilers

 Rabbits

 Goats

 Heifers

 Lambs

 Steers

12:00 Noon Deadline for sealed resale bids to be turned in

4:30 PM Sale Begins in the following order of species (Grand Champions sell first, then Reserve, and so on):

 Steers

 Barrows

 Lambs

 Rabbits

 Goats

 Broilers

***Note:** All exhibitors must obtain permission from each of their respective committee chairmen before animals may be removed from the show barn.

***Note:** Exhibitors must remain 30 minutes after completion of entire show for final sale list and declarations.

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Mandatory Workday: Vernon Richards River Bend Park Pavilion

2:00 PM Mandatory Workday (Tear down and cleanup) – sign in/out required

***Note:** there is a monetary fine for missing workday without prior approval

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

CLUB CONTACTS & MEETING INFORMATION:

SMITHVILLE FFA CHAPTER INFORMATION:

Advisors:

- Amanda Lowden: alowden@smithvilleisd.org or 512-227-1097
- Doug Simms: dsimms@smithvilleisd.org
- Smithville High School: 285 State Hwy 95, Smithville, TX 78957
- School Phone: 512-237-2487, ext. 6652

Meeting Information:

- **Time/Location:** all meetings are held at 6:00 PM in the Smithville High School Cafeteria
 - **Dates:**
 - September 25
 - October 23
 - November 27
 - December 11
 - January 22
 - February 12
 - March 25
 - May 16 (Banquet – will have an alternative location, final details TBA)
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SMITHVILLE 4-H CLUB INFORMATION:

Smithville 4-H Club Managers:

- Leanne Vinklarek: 512-581-2990
- Cheryl Moore: 512-718-9688
- Club email address: 4H.Smithville@gmail.com

County Extension Agents:

- Mellanie Mickelson, CEA – 4-H & Youth Development: Mellanie.Mickelson@ag.tamu.edu or 512-522-9174
- Dakota Kempken, CEA – Agriculture & Natural Resources: Dakota.Kempken@ag.tamu.edu
- Office Location: 901 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602
- Office Phone: 512-581-7186

Meeting Information:

- **Time/Location:** all meetings are held at 5:30 PM in the First National Bank in Smithville
- **Dates:**
 - September 7
 - October 5
 - November 2
 - December 7
 - January 4
 - February 1
 - March 7
 - April 4
 - May 2

ADDITIONAL FORMS

PROJECT EXPENSE SHEET

Exhibitor Name: _____

Project/Species: _____

MANDATORY: Each exhibitor must turn in Project Expense Sheet to

Lou Ann Peavy at the Stock Show Set Up Day (Sunday, **March 24, 2024**)

This sheet must be completed for each of your projects; invoices and proof of expenses are not required.

Date	Item/Description	Expense Amount	Income Amount	Quantity	Total

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please return this acknowledgment form to the Show Board at the time when entry forms are submitted.

If you will be showing in the Smithville Livestock Show you must have read and acknowledged all rules. If you do not have an acknowledgement form on file, then you will not be allowed to validate an animal for the Smithville FFA/4-H Livestock Show.

Please initial all the below boxes with parent/guardian and student initials to make sure you are aware of certain rules. Please sign the bottom of the form as well.

<p>Exhibitor Initials:</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Initials:</p>	<p><u>Both 4-H/FFA members must attend four (4) of the meetings between September and March to be eligible to show. Exhibitors must attend a Mandatory Meeting at the conclusion of Stock Show Set Up on March 24, 2024 which does not count towards your four (4) meetings.</u></p> <p><u>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. Exhibitors must have dues paid and be signed up for FFA/4-H as a member by October 23rd, 2023 to be eligible to show in the Smithville Livestock show.</u></p>
<p>Exhibitor Initials:</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Initials:</p>	<p><u>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:</u></p> <p>(A) <u>Set Up Facilities: Pen set up date will be on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm.</u> Exhibitors will work under the direction of the division chairman and must check in/out with them.</p> <p>(B) <u>Turn in Project Expense Sheet:</u> All exhibitors must complete a copy of the Project Expense Sheet (included in this packet) and turn the Project Expense Sheet at the set-up date.</p> <p>(C) <u>Clean Up Facilities: Clean up date will be the day after the show date, Sunday April 7th, 2024 at 2:00 pm.</u> Exhibitors will work under the direction of the division chairman and must check in/out with them.</p> <p>(D) <u>Loading Animals after Auction:</u> 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.</p>
<p>Exhibitor Initials:</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Initials:</p>	<p>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.</p>

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received and read, and understand the rules and qualifications as set forth in the Smithville 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Exposition Rules.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Smithville 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor's Card

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Division	Tag Number	Weigh-in	Final weight

Exhibitor's Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Advisor: _____ 4-H: _____ FFA: _____

Location of animal: _____

Entry Fee Amount _____ Check# _____ Cash _____

By signing below, I confirm that I have received, read, and understand the rules and qualifications as set forth in the Smithville 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Exposition Rules.

REQUIRED:

Parent's Phone: _____ Parent's Email: _____

SIGNATURES:

Date _____ Exhibitor's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____