

# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BASTROP AREA FFA & 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW RULE BOOK



# 2026

**SHOW DATES: MARCH 5-7, 2026**

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## **PREMIUM SALE ONLY**

The Premium Sale at the 2026 Bastrop Area Livestock show will be a premium only sale.

What this means is the buyer (business[es], individual[s]) will only donate the money to the exhibitor and will not receive the animal.

Since there will be no sale of the animal, there will also be no resale of the animal. Buyer(s) will be only purchasing the ribbon placing and donating the money to the youth.

# BASTROP AREA LIVESTOCK SHOW LEADERSHIP

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# LOCATION

**The Bastrop Area Livestock (Ken Estepp Memorial) Show Barn is located at:**

**From:** Hwy 71 turn on Hwy 95 North, make a right hand turn onto Highway 21 East. Go up the hill and turn right on Loop 150. Take the first right on American Legion Drive by the American Legion Hall. The Show Barn is behind the American Legion Hall in Bastrop, Texas.

**From Hwy 71 East:** Turn right on to Loop 150 East at the light and on your left will be American Legion Drive, with the Bastrop State Park Golf course on your right.

**From Hwy 21 East:** Turn left onto Loop 150 by the Bastrop State Park. Then, turn right to the American Legion Hall onto American Legion Drive.

# GENERAL SHOW RULES

## NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

1. Liability Rules - The show association will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur before, during or after the show, including any events held at the livestock show barn.
2. Eligibility:
  - a. **Livestock Show Exhibitors:**
    - i. Must be enrolled in the Bastrop Independent School District 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 Bastrop or Cedar Creek FFA supervised by an Agricultural Science Instructor or be an active member of a Bastrop County 4-H club supervised by a Bastrop County Extension Agent during the current school year.
      1. Youth attending private, charter, or home schools and residing within in the geographic areas of Bastrop ISD must be a member of a Bastrop County 4-H club 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.
      2. If any information changes (e.g. school, club, address, etc.) after validation, 4H/FFA advisors and BALSFA superintendents must be notified and corrected entry form submitted.
    - ii. All exhibitors must complete Quality Counts training and verification before their respective validation date. The Quality Counts certification number must be listed on the entry form at the time of validation. The training and test can be accessed at this site:  
<https://agrillife.org/qualitycounts/>
  - b. **Contest Participants – Ag Mechanics:**
    - i. Must be enrolled in the Bastrop Independent School District from the date of contest entry through the date of the show to be eligible to compete in the show and be an active member of the Bastrop or Cedar Creek FFA supervised by an Agricultural Science Instructor or be an active member of a Bastrop County 4-H club supervised by a Bastrop County Extension Agent during the current school year.
      1. Youth attending private, charter, or home schools and residing within in the geographic areas of Bastrop ISD must be a member of a Bastrop County 4-H club 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.
      2. Youth enrolled in the construction classes within the Bastrop Independent School District are NOT required to be a 4-H/FFA member.  
If any information changes (e.g. school, club, address, etc.) after validation/entry, 4H/FFA advisors and BALSFA superintendents must be notified and corrected entry form submitted.
      4. Substitution of exhibitors will not be allowed after entries are submitted.
  - c. **Invitational Contest Participants – Art, Public Speaking, or Baking & Food Prep:**
    - i. Exhibitors must be in 3rd-12th grade and enrolled in the Bastrop Independent School District, Elgin Independent School District, McDade Independent School District, or Smithville Independent School District from the date of entry through the date of the show to be eligible to compete.
      1. Youth enrolled in the School District(s) listed above are **NOT** required to be a 4-H/FFA member.

2. Youth attending private, charter, or home schools and residing within the geographic areas of Bastrop County must be a member of a Bastrop County 4-H club to be eligible to compete from the date of entry through the date of the show.
  3. If any information changes (e.g. school, club, address, etc.) after validation/entry, 4H/FFA advisors and BALSFA superintendents must be notified and corrected entry form submitted.
    - ii. Divisions will be Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13) and Senior (ages 14 & up).
3. Exhibitors must pass all of his / her classes according to UIL No Pass - No Play guidelines in order to participate in the livestock show. 4-H members and parents will also be required to sign a declaration of eligibility form, which will be sent to schools to determine eligibility of a participant.
  4. All students who plan to participate in the livestock show must enroll by November 1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of a FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in Bastrop County, **must have attended at least five (5) of their regularly scheduled 4-H or FFA club meetings** (September 1 through May 31) within the current stock show calendar year (from end of last stock show to start of present stock show), and **must have signed the official attendance sheet. New members to Bastrop County 4-H or FFA must attend at least three (3) of these said meetings and must have signed the official attendance sheet.** If an exhibitor misses a meeting due to a UIL or school sponsored activity, a letter on school letterhead or school email from the coach or school sponsor must be provided to the Ag. Science Teacher or County Extension Agent in order for it to be deemed an excused absence.
  5. Entries - Entry fees and **COMPLETED** entry forms, including the ethics policy form, with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures must be submitted to stock show officials at validation. All market animals and breeding swine must be presented for validation at the designated location and time. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to validation, but the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA Advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop Show validation to be ear tagged and tattooed by stock show officials. Exhibitors of breeding animal projects must present entry cards and payment on Bastrop Show validation day. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in **COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor signatures, parent or legal guardian signatures, Quality Counts Number for Livestock Exhibitors, and Social Security Number on the entry form.** **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

All market steers, lambs, and goats will be validated with an ear tattoo and ear tag at the time of validation. All swine (market & breeding) will be validated by ear tag and notches. All rabbits will be validated with an ear tattoo only. If breeding animals are registered, the exhibitor may be asked to present registration papers to the division superintendent at check in time. Market poultry must bear an official wingband. Official state validation tags for major livestock shows will serve as validation tag number. Lost validation tags must be reported immediately to a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.

6. In all species except rabbits, an animal may be validated in the name of two (2) or more exhibitors in an immediate family when the following criteria are met:
  - a. Where brother and sister may have differing last names, it must be noted on the entry card.
  - b. They are brother / sister by blood relationship or are legally adopted.
  - c. All permanently reside within Bastrop areas as stated in general rule number two (2).

Exhibitors are encouraged and allowed to validate a spare market animal in case of animal death. **No exceptions due to animal death after validation.** Each exhibitor may validate three market animals in each division. A family with two or more exhibitors may validate two market animals per exhibitor in each division in a pool and cross validate. However, **only one market animal per division can be shown by an exhibitor.** There is no limit on the number of breeding animals exhibitors may enter. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 per animal validated in the steer, beef heifer, breeding and market hog, market lamb, breeding and market goats, broilers (pen of 3) and market rabbits (3 to 5 in a pen) division must accompany the entry card at validation. An entry fee of \$3.00 per entry will be charged in the breeding rabbit division, with a substitution fee of \$1.00 for each rabbit that will be used as a substitution.

**Validation Dates are as Follows:**

**Entry Fees are Due at Validation**

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| September | Market Steers<br>Broilers  | September 25,<br>2025 | 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.<br>Bastrop Show Barn<br>Order broilers; turn in steer & broiler entry fees with entry cards  |
| December  | Market Lambs<br>Breeding Swine<br>Market Swine<br>Market Goats<br>Breeding Heifers<br>Breeding Goats | December 6, 2025      | 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.<br>Bastrop Show Barn<br>Turn in lamb, goat, heifer & swine entry fees with entry cards  |
|           | Market Rabbits<br>Breeding Rabbits   | December 6, 2025      | 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.<br><b>Entry forms ONLY due</b> and must be turned in at the BALSFA February validation. <b>Entry Forms may NOT be postmarked, must be hand-delivered. Entry fee will be due at the February BALSFA validation.</b>  |
| February  | Ag. Mechanics<br>Art Contest<br>Baking & Food Prep Contest<br>Public Speaking Contest                | February 5, 2026      | 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.<br>Bastrop Show Barn<br>Entry forms and fees due and must be turned in at the BALSFA February validation.<br><b>Note: Ag Mechanics Forms may NOT be postmarked, must be hand-delivered. A Mandatory meeting for Ag Mechanics Exhibitors will start at 6:30 PM.</b> |
|           | Market Rabbits<br>Breeding Rabbits   | February 5, 2026      | 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.<br>Bastrop Show Barn<br><b>Physical Validation night for rabbit entries that were completed in December.</b> Rabbit entry Fees due at validation. <b>**See rule on carriers.**</b>   |

7. An exhibitor may not sell more than one unit in the premium sale. A unit constitutes of one ribbon.

8. A decision made by a 4-H or FFA member to declare which ribbon placing to sell is final. All decisions must be made and reported to the respective species superintendent **within 10 minutes** after the Market Show is completed (excluding showmanship).
9. Premium money will not be disbursed during the show but will be available at the Extension Office after all sale proceeds are received from buyers. Each exhibitor must submit a thank you letter to **buyers within a buyer's group as designated by buyer's form** and turn in the original letters to his / her Agriculture Instructor or County Extension Agent by **April 15, 2026 (or next school day if the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday) along with an addressed, stamped, and sealed envelope to each buyer.** *Thank you notes to buyers must be turned in by this date, or a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check. Thank you notes must be received before exhibitors receive their premium check.*

*If all monies from buyers are not received by the Livestock Show Treasurer, exhibitors will only be paid the amount of money received for their animal. Premium checks must be cashed within ninety (90) days from the date posted.*
10. A 3% commission will be charged on all sale animals.
11. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check with the buyer or buyer's group to find out how many 8x10 pictures to purchase for buyers. If an 8x10 photo is provided by the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Board, the cost will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.
12. Show classes may be divided according to number of entries eligible and validated at weigh in at the time of the show. See individual species rules for class breaks.
13. The judge's decision will be final in regard to the placing of entries. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$ 100.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the show superintendent before the start of the sale. Any protest such as exhibitor eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed with the show superintendent prior to the judging. The executive officer as stated in the bylaws will hear the protest and issue a judgment which will or will not sustain the protest.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken by the livestock show board if a 4-H or FFA member displays inappropriate unsportsmanlike conduct to a judge, volunteer, or another exhibitor. Disciplinary action will include disqualification of the exhibitor and all of their placing ribbons from the show and premium sale.
15. No one other than exhibitors and authorized personnel will be allowed in show ring or contest judging area(s) at any time.
16. The judge's decision is final in determining whether an animal is show quality and whether it will qualify for the premium sale.
17. Ribbons will be awarded to first (1<sup>st</sup>) through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place entries. The Grand Champion will be selected from the first place animals of each class; Reserve Champion animals will be selected from the remaining first place animals and the animal that stood second in the class from which the Champion was selected. All Champion and Reserve Champions must be blue ribbon quality. In order to be a breed champion there must be competition. Classes and breeds for market animals shall be set by the division chairman in accordance with the rules of each respective division.
18. If an exhibitor shows more than one species and places two Grands, Grand and Reserve, or two Reserves in two different species, they must choose only one to sell at the auction sale. They must sell a Grand over Reserve, and must sell Grand or Reserve over other lower placings in other species. No other animal can receive more than Grand if no Reserve sells in a species.

19. If a placing ribbon is withdrawn from the premium sale, advancement of ribbons will be from the same weight class.
20. Decoration of animals with glitter, paint, balloons, clothing items, etc. is prohibited.
21. No grooming materials will be allowed on animals except soap, shampoo, water, or waterless shampoo in the show ring. Animals may be washed with soap/shampoo and water in the wash rack, or waterless shampoo may be used to clean animals on show day. An animal will be disqualified from the show if it is being trimmed, fitted, or dressed by anyone other than exhibitors or their parents, Bastrop County Extension Agents or Agricultural Science Teachers or other feeders or leaders within the county or school district from which the animal is entered.
22. A showmanship award will be given in each animal division based on grooming and showmanship. Showmanship classes will be divided according to the exhibitor's age as of show date. Junior showmanship will include ages thirteen (13) and under as of show date. Senior showmanship will include ages fourteen (14) and up as of show date. The exhibitor's neatness in appearance and dress will be taken into consideration. The exhibitor must own and have shown the same animal that will be exhibited for showmanship.  
See division rules for entry deadlines. Show date is March 5-7, 2026.
23. Stalls and pens may be assigned by each division superintendent prior to the show. Show boxes, tack, feed, hay, feeding or watering equipment shall be kept clear of any designated area, aisle, or walkway. Exhibitor must feed, bed, care for and keep his / her animal and stall area properly cleaned during the entire show and premium sale. *Exhibitors are required to help set up and clean the show facilities before, during, and after the livestock show. Exhibitors must sign in and out with their Division Superintendent at the setup workday and before departure after the show to avoid being fined. On the setup workday, the exhibitor must be on time and present at sign-in (2:00 p.m.) to avoid being fined. Failure to participate in all clean up and tear down activities will result in a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per violation, which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check. **The show barn setup workday will be held Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** If an exhibitor misses the setup day due to illness, a doctor's note must be provided to the Ag. Science Teacher or County Extension Agent for it to be deemed an excused absence.*
24. An exhibitor who participates with an animal in the premium sale must check out with their superintendent after the premium sale is complete. Failure to check out with your superintendent after the sale will result in a fine of \$100. This fine will be deducted from your premium check.
25. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to bring out their animal or animals when the class is called. Once judging of a class has begun, no animals may be brought into the show ring. No complaints or protests on the grounds that an entry was overlooked will be considered. Animals not judged will not be sold in the premium sale.
26. No persons other than exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the show arena during judging.
27. Exhibitors must show their own animals and be present to walk them through the sale. Exceptions may be made if the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class or in a champion drive. In the case of UIL, school events, and/or a family or medical emergency, written permission prior to the show must be approved by division superintendents. Substitute exhibitor must be eligible to show an animal in the Bastrop Area Livestock Show. If possible the substitute must be approved prior to check in by the Superintendent of that species.
28. All exhibitor's animals must remain within fenced area of the show barn. No animals shall be allowed to leave the show grounds without approval from the division superintendents. No animals will be allowed to leave until after completion of the entire sale.

**29. Premium sale animals in each division cannot equal or go over Grand Champion price at auction. (INDIVIDUAL ADD ONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE BASTROP AREA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND FAIR ASSOCIATION.)**

**30. The premium sale order in 2026 will be as follows: Steer, Hog, Lamb, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit**

Animals may be walked through with ribbons at the premium sale. **The number of ribbons sold in 2026 will be 60 lots.** The preliminary number of each species sold will be determined after February validation and adjusted after check-in at the livestock show.

**31. Animals deemed to be uncontrollable may be removed from the grounds at any time. This decision will be made by the division superintendent and two members of the executive board or the judge if the animal is in the show ring.**

**32. Illegal use of drugs in animals - Exhibitors must ensure that his / her animal:**

- a. Has not received any substance unapproved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and / or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- b. Is not within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical, or feed additive approved by the FDA and / or USDA when the animal is weighed in for the livestock show.

If the FDA / USDA conducts unannounced inspections and testing, any animals testing positive will be disqualified and the ranking of all other animals will remain unchanged. If any animal tests positive for any illegal drug, the exhibitor's check will be withheld until the matter is resolved.

Unethical practices will not be tolerated by the Livestock Show Board and will be investigated.

**33. If an exhibitor shows an animal other than the one (1) he / she validated, the exhibitor will be disqualified and the ribbon placing will not be sold. (This rule does not affect a substitute exhibitor following general rule 27.)**

**34. Any animal showing evidence of unacceptable physical alteration will be disqualified from the show. Alterations considered acceptable include dehorning, castration, shearing and tail docking.**

**35. No animals are allowed on the grounds that are not being shown, including dogs, cats, and other pets.**

**36. In the event that an animal related infectious disease outbreak occurs, the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Board reserves the right to postpone or cancel portions of or the entire show. All recommendations from the Texas Animal Health Commission will be adhered to by the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Board of Directors.**

**37. All fines must be cleared before the new show year begins (Sept. 1) or will be carried over and applied to the exhibitor's entry fee the following year.**

**All exhibitors and parents or legal guardians must sign the release form at the time of entry. This must be returned to the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association at the time of validation of your animal project.**

# MARKET LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

## MARKET STEERS

**Superintendents:** Allen Stewart (512) 413-8512  
Les Hudson (512) 762-8321

1. Exhibitor must show ownership of and validate steers on September 25, 2025 at the Bastrop Show Barn between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Steers will be validated by ear tattoo and ear tag or official state validation tag. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to Bastrop show validation. But the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at Bastrop show validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop show validation. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures. Entry fee of \$15.00 per animal validated will be due at validation.
2. Steers will be of beef breeding.
3. All cattle must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
4. See General Rule number six (6) for the number of steers that can be validated per exhibitor.
5. If there are twenty (20) or more animals exhibited in the market steer division, the class will be divided as equally as possible into two classes by number and weight.
6. Steers must weigh a minimum of nine hundred pounds (900) at the time of weigh-in at the Livestock Show. There will be no maximum weight limit.
7. Steers will be slick sheared to 1/4" (one fourth inch) or less. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the show grounds.
8. Beef Showmanship will consist of entrants from the steer and heifer division. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. \*Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. \*Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
9. No steers will be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
10. **Steers must arrive and weigh in between 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# MARKET LAMBS

**Superintendents:** Bobby Bauer (512) 332-6266  
Herbert Bartsch (512) 332-6870

1. Exhibitor must show ownership of and validate lambs on the first Saturday in December of the show year at the Bastrop Show Barn between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Lambs will be validated by nose print, ear tattoo and ear tag or official state validation tag. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to Bastrop show validation, but the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at Bastrop show validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid, and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop show validation. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor's and parent or legal guardian signatures. Entry fee of \$15.00 per animal validated will be due at validation.
2. Only wethers may be shown.
3. Lambs must weigh a minimum of ninety pounds (90) on show date, with no maximum weight limit.
4. Lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up at time of weigh-in.
5. All lambs must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
6. See General Rule Number six (6) for the number of lambs that can be validated per exhibitor.
7. If there are twenty (20) or more animals exhibited in the market lamb division, the class will be divided as equally as possible into two classes by number and weight.
8. Lamb Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. \*Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. \*Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
9. No lambs will be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
10. **Lambs must arrive and weigh in between 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# MARKET GOATS

**Superintendents:** Jo Lynn Howard (512) 995-9631  
Judy Ellis (512) 575-0452

1. Exhibitors must show ownership of and validate goats the first Saturday in December at the Bastrop Show Barn from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Goats will be validated by ear tattoo and ear tag. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to Bastrop show validation, but the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at Bastrop show validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid, and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop show validation. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA or 4-H event a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures. Entry cards and fees of \$15.00 per head are due at time of validation.
2. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed.
3. Only wethers may be shown.
4. Horns must be tipped.
5. Goats must be slick shorn from knee and hock up at time of weigh-in.
6. See General Rule Number six (6) for the number of goats that can be validated per exhibitor.
7. Goats must weigh a minimum of sixty pounds (60), with no maximum weight limit.
8. All goats must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
9. If there are 20 or more animals exhibited in the market goat division, the class will be divided as equally as possible into two classes by number and weight.
10. Goat Showmanship will consist of entrants from the market wether and breeding goat division. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
11. Goats will not be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
12. **Goats must arrive and weigh in between 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# MARKET BROILERS

**Superintendent:** Barbara Lang (512) 321-5832  
Rachel Bauer (512) 468-7953

1. The minimum order of chicks per exhibitor/family is 25 birds, with a maximum of 75 birds, in increments of 25. Therefore, each exhibitor/family may order 25, 50, or 75 birds. Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, OR if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds.
2. Each broiler entry is limited to one per exhibitor, which shall consist of one pen of three broilers. The broilers exhibited must bear official wing bands assigned to exhibitor at time of distribution. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of three broilers from within their order of broilers. Birds assigned to one exhibitor may not be substituted into another exhibitor's name for any reason. Entry cards and fees of \$15.00 per pen are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at validation at the Bastrop Show Barn from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor's and parent or legal guardian signatures.
3. All broilers that bear official wing bands can be shown regardless of sex. There is no upper weight limit.
4. All broilers, since date of hatching, must have been owned and fed by exhibitor.
5. Broilers losing their wing band for whatever reason will not be eligible to show. If the band and / or wing web shows evidence of tampering or if the wing web is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
6. Broilers must be certified pullorum free.
7. Thirty (30) minutes prior to show time, each pen of broilers will be examined by poultry superintendent along with his / her committee. The broilers will be examined for the following: missing and / or wrong numbers or wing bands, sick or deceased birds or broiler showing secondary sex characteristics which indicate the presence of a hormone.
8. Alternates replacing sifted broilers will be reexamined prior to entrance into the show ring. No substitutions of birds will be allowed after exhibitor has entered the show ring.
9. Participants who assist the exhibitor in the show ring must be a 4-H or FFA member, and enrolled in a public, private or home school in Bastrop County.
10. Junior and Senior broiler showmanship will be held immediately after the show. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
11. Poultry will not be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent. Exhibitor's will be required to leave one broiler overnight for the premium sale.
12. **Broilers must check in between 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Arrival times are mandatory. The show will begin immediately following check-in. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# MARKET RABBITS

Superintendents: Wayne Masur (512) 988-3622

1. Entries in this division must meet all the requirements of the Bastrop Area Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations.
2. Exhibitors and parent/guardian must sign a registration form and physically turn it in at the December validation. Entry fees will be paid at the February validation.
3. Rabbits will be validated and a \$15.00 entry fee paid February 5, 2026 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Show Barn. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA or, 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and fill out spreadsheet.
4. **For sanitation purposes, all rabbits must be presented for the show and validation in a wire bottom cage or carrier with a suspended floor. No boxes, crates, pet taxis, or any solid floors will be allowed.**
5. Exhibitors must own rabbits and have control or ownership four weeks prior to show.
6. An exhibitor may enter one pen. A Market Rabbit pen shall consist of three rabbits.
  - a. Maximum weight is 5.5 pounds each rabbit (with 2 oz. tolerance)
  - b. Minimum weight is 3.5 pounds each rabbit (with 2 oz. tolerance)
7. Pens of rabbits must be of same breed, variety (color), and conformity.
8. Exhibitor may validate at least three (3) bunnies up to five (5) per pen, validating a total of three (3) sets, and a total of fifteen (15) bunnies per child.
9. Each pen entry will have its own tattoo to be placed in right ear at validation, which will be determined by superintendent.
10. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st – 10th place.
11. All sick and diseased animals will be dismissed from the grounds.
12. The exhibitor will be responsible for the animal's care from time of arrival until the animal leaves the premises. Exhibitors will be required to leave one (1) market rabbit overnight for the premium sale.
13. No artificial color on any animal will be allowed.
14. Rabbit showmanship will consist of entrants from the market and breeding division. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
15. **Rabbits must check in between 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show. The rabbit show will begin immediately following the completion of the broiler show.**

# MARKET SWINE

**Superintendents:** Natalie Roman (512) 308-7907  
Vince Roman (512) 988-0161

1. Market swine will include barrows only.
2. Exhibitor must show ownership of and validate swine the first Saturday in December of the show year. The hogs will be validated by ear notch and ear tag or official state validation tag. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to Bastrop show validation, but the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at Bastrop show validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop show validation. Validation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a. m. at the Bastrop Show Barn. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA or, 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures. Entry cards and fees of \$15.00 per entry are due at the time of validation.
3. All hogs must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
4. Swine must weigh between two hundred twenty and three hundred (220-300) pounds at official show weigh in.
5. See General Rule number six (6) for the number of swine that can be validated per exhibitor.
6. If there are twenty (20) or more animals exhibited in the market swine division, the class will be divided as equally as possible into two classes by number and weight.
7. If an animal is withdrawn from sale, an animal from the same weight class will advance in placing.
8. Swine Showmanship will consist of entrants from the market and breeding division. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date
9. No swine will be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
10. **Swine must arrive and weigh in between 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# BREEDING LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

## BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS

**Superintendents:** Allen Stewart (512) 413-8512  
Les Hudson (512) 762-8321

1. There is no limit on the number of heifers an exhibitor may enter.
2. Entries will be divided into Exotic, English, and American divisions as follows:
  - a. **Exotic:** Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Other Registered Breeds (ORB), Simmental
  - b. **English:** Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn
  - c. **American:** American Registered Breeds (ARB), Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah
3. Age breakdowns for classes will be as follows:
  - a. Class 1 – March 1, 2025 and younger
  - b. Class 2 – September 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
  - c. Class 3 – September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024
4. Entry cards and fees of \$15.00 per head are due on December 6<sup>th</sup> at validation at the Bastrop Show Barn from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor's and parent or legal guardian signatures.
5. Registered, purebred and crossbred cattle may be shown so long as they are good quality individuals.
6. All cattle must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
7. Three (3) or more animals will constitute the heifer show. If there are less than three (3) head entered in the beef heifer division, there will not be a beef heifer show.
8. Beef Showmanship will consist of entrants from the steer and heifer division. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes.
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date
9. Heifers will not be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
10. The heifer show will be "blow-and-go". See General Rule number twenty one (21) for grooming rules.
11. **Heifers must check in between 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

## **BREEDING GILTS**

**Superintendent:** Natalie Roman (512) 308-7907  
Vince Roman (512) 988-0161

1. There is no limit on the number of gilts an exhibitor may enter.
2. There will be only one (1) class of breeding swine.
3. Registered, Purebred, and Crossbred gilts may be shown as long as they are quality individuals. Entry cards and entry fees of \$15.00 per head. Entry fees are due on the first Saturday of December at validation at the Bastrop Show Barn from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures. Breeding gilts MUST be validated and ear-tagged to show at the December validation. A gilt cannot be shown in the market show.
4. All swine must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
5. Gilts will not be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
6. **Swine must check in between 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# BREEDING GOATS

## Superintendents:

Jo Lynn Howard (512) 995-9631  
Judy Ellis (512) 575-0452

1. There is no limit on the number of breeding goats an exhibitor may enter.
2. Entries will be divided into age breakdowns for classes as follows:
  - a. Class 1 – March 1, 2025 and younger
  - b. Class 2 – September 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
  - c. Class 3 – September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024
3. Entry cards and fees of \$15.00 per head are due on the first Saturday of December at validation at the Bastrop Show Barn from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor's and parent or legal guardian signatures.
4. Registered, purebred and crossbred goats may be shown so long as they are good quality individuals.
5. All goats must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
6. Three (3) or more animals will constitute the breeding goat show. If there are less than three (3) head entered in the breeding goat division, there will not be a breeding goat show.
7. Goat Showmanship will consist of entrants from the market and breeding goat divisions. Showmanship will be broken into the following classes:
  - a. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - b. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.
8. Breeding goats will not be released from the grounds without approval from the division superintendent.
9. See General Rule number twenty one (21) for grooming rules.
10. **Breeding goats must check in between 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and check in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show.**

# **BREEDING RABBITS**

**Superintendents:**      **Wayne Masur**                      (512) 988-3622

1. Entries in this division must meet all requirements of the Bastrop Area Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations.
2. Exhibitors and parent/guardian must sign a registration form and physically turn it in at the December validation. Entry fees will be paid at the February validation.
3. There is no limit on the number of breeding rabbits an exhibitor may enter.
4. Rabbits entered in the Breeding Rabbit show will not be eligible for premium sale.
5. The exhibitor must own all entries four weeks before show.
6. At validation, the rabbits should have a tattoo in the left ear for identification.
7. **For sanitation purposes, all rabbits must be presented for the show and validation in a wire bottom cage or carrier with a suspended floor. No boxes, crates, pet taxis, or any solid floors will be allowed.**
8. Breeding Rabbits will be validated and entry fees of \$3.00 per class must be physically turned in at the February 5th validation and exhibitor may validate up to three rabbits per class. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day to pay entry fees and fill out spreadsheet or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitor's and parent or legal guardian signatures.
9. **Breeding Rabbit Classes are:**
  - a. Class 6/Commercial Junior Buck
  - b. Class 6/Commercial Junior Doe
  - c. Class 6/Commercial Intermediate (6/8) Buck
  - d. Class 6/Commercial Intermediate (6/8) Doe
  - e. Class 6/Commercial Senior Buck
  - f. Class 6/Commercial Senior Doe
  - g. Class 4/Fancy - Junior Doe (under 6 months)
  - h. Class 4/Fancy - Junior Buck (under 6 months)
  - i. Class 4/Fancy - Senior Doe (over 6 months)
  - j. Class 4/Fancy - Senior Buck (over 6 months)
10. Single Fryer Class will consist of one (1) rabbit per exhibitor. The rabbit shall weigh at least 3.5 pounds (with 2 oz. tolerance) and not over 5.5 pounds (with 2 oz. tolerance) and will not be sold. Fryers may be out of the exhibitor's meat pen of market rabbits, but do not sell in the auction.
11. Two (2) or more rabbits must constitute an age class.
12. Grand and Reserve Champion Buck will be chosen from the winners of a, c, e, h and j above.
13. Grand and Reserve Champion Doe will be chosen from the winners of b, d, f, g and i above.

14. Breeding rabbits will be checked in to the superintendent to verify tattoos before the beginning of the show.
15. Breeding rabbits will remain in their carriers until the appropriate class is called. Bringing the rabbit to the judging table is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
16. Rabbit Showmanship will be broken into the following classes;
  - i. Junior Showmanship - ages 13 and under as of show date.
  - ii. Senior Showmanship - ages 14 and up as of show date.

There is no additional fee for entering showmanship classes. Showmanship for breeding and market rabbits will consist of entrants from the breeding and market shows.

17. Rabbits will not be released from the grounds without approval of the division superintendent.
18. All sick and diseased animals will be dismissed from the grounds.
19. All rabbits must have been owned and fed by exhibitor from date of validation until the livestock show.
20. No artificial coloring may be used on any animal.
21. **Rabbits must check in between 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Arrival times are mandatory. Failure to arrive and weigh in during the specified time will result in disqualification from the show. The show will begin immediately following the completion of the broiler show.**

# CONTEST DIVISION RULES

## INVITATIONAL YOUTH WESTERN ART SHOW

Entry Deadline: February 5, 2026

Chairman: Jo Lynn Howard

(512) 995-9631

### ENTRY FEE & PRIZES:

1. Divisions will be Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13) and Senior (ages 14 & up).
2. Entry fee for the Senior Division will be \$10 per entry; **Junior and Intermediate Divisions will not have an entry fee.** Payment is due at the BALSFA validation on February 5, 2026 between 5:30-6:30 pm.
3. **No late entries or changes will be accepted.**
4. Prizes for the Senior Division will be \$100 cash prize and rosette for the Overall Grand Champion and \$50 cash prize and rosette for the Overall Reserve Champion, and ribbons for places 2nd – 9th. Prizes for the Junior and Intermediate Divisions will be a ribbon for places 1st – 9th.

### RULES:

1. Entry: Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) piece of artwork in each division of traditional, photography, digital art, and metal art. No more than one student may work on a single entry; no group projects. Each entry must be titled. Attendance at the Art Show is not mandatory for entry.  
**On the back of each entry must be the Exhibitor's name, school, title of art piece and Exhibitor's personal contact information.**
2. **Check-in:** All exhibitors (*or parent, teacher, leader, or other designee of the exhibitor(s)*) must hand deliver their artwork to the Bastrop Livestock Show Barn on **Thursday, March 5th, between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Judging will be held on **Friday, March 6th.** Awards will be presented on **Saturday, March 7, before the livestock auction.** The Show Barn is located at 3003 Loop 150 East behind the American Legion Hall in Bastrop.
3. Originality: Published and printed materials may be used for research. Copied art will not be accepted.  
Any legal issue arising from the infringement of copyright law is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardians. The Bastrop Area Livestock Show & Fair Association will not be responsible for or involved in any legal issues arising from infringement. No reproduction of other artwork or photos by means of tracings or duplicating devices allowed.
4. Acceptable Subjects: The Youth Western Art Show's intention is to encourage the education and appreciation of Western heritage. Therefore, the following definition will be a guideline as to what is considered Western Art:  
*"Western art is representing the heritage and lifestyle of the west, historical as well as present day."*
  - a. Farm or ranch life (past or present)
  - b. Cowboy or rodeo episodes
  - c. Any imaginative country and Western scene or landscape
  - d. Any imaginative still life depicting cowboy, Native American, or pioneer paraphernalia
  - e. Wildlife **MUST** be native to Continental USA and **MUST** be shown in a Western setting.
  - f. Historical people or events; for instance, the Battle of the Alamo, the California Gold Rush, the Buffalo Soldiers, Chief Sitting Bull, etc.
  - g. Metal art must be made from farm and ranch supplies. Ex: farm equipment pieces, horseshoes, & barbed wire

5. Divisions: Artwork must be entered in one of the following divisions.
  - a. Traditional
    - i. Tempera
    - ii. Mixed Media
    - iii. Watercolor Ink
    - iv. Oil
    - v. Pencil
    - vi. Acrylic
    - vii. Charcoal
    - viii. Pastels
    - ix. Sculpture
  - b. Photography
  - c. Digital Art: is an artistic work or practice that uses digital technology as an essential part of the creative or presentation process.
  - d. Metal Art
  - e. Wood Art
6. Dimensions (Illustrations, Photography, and Digital Art): Dimensions are encouraged to be one of the following with matting, and may be vertical or horizontal.
  - a. 11" X 14"
  - b. 14" X 18"
  - c. 16" X 20"
  - d. 18" X 24"
7. Dimensions (Sculptures, Wood Art, and Metal Art):
  - a. Maximum size: Sculpture, Wood Art, or Metal Art is not to exceed 36 inches in height or width including the base.
  - b. Weight: Sculpture Wood Art, or Metal Art weight should not be excessive or weigh more than an average person can carry or transport easily.
8. Mounting and Matting (Illustrations, Photography and Digital Art): Frames are not allowed. Illustrations may be matted with material such as poster board or heavy construction paper sturdy enough to prevent sagging. "Professional" mats are acceptable, but not required. Double matting is acceptable. Mat color is limited to black, white, or light grey. A minimum of 1" mat is required. Paintings on canvas with wooden stretcher frames and woodwork do not need to be matted. Paintings on hardboard canvas (thin type of canvas) may be matted or mounted with sturdy poster board.
9. Unacceptable Media: Do not use any of the following material with regards to illustrations or sculptures.
  - a. Glitter
  - b. Plastic Figures
  - c. Pre-packaged, pre-cut craft or art kits
  - d. Commercial, newsprint lettering, stencils or rub-on letters in its original form
  - e. Sand (must be glued, not loose)
  - f. Wax
  - g. Any fragile material that easily breaks or may be damaged when transported (i.e. soft clay, glass)
  - h. Living things (plants or insects)

- 10. Unacceptable Entries:** If your entry includes any of the following, it will be declared ineligible and not accepted into the competition:
- a. Satanic Art
  - b. Nudes
  - c. Wet paintings
  - d. Framed pictures
  - e. Charcoal and pastels which are not sprayed
  - f. Use of a sewing machine
- 11. Pick-up:** All entries must be picked up at the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn during clean-up **on Saturday, March 7**. Artwork not picked up at this time will become the property of the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association.
- 12.** The Western Art Show will award premium prizes for Grand and Reserve placing entries. Champion of the Senior Division will receive a \$100 cash prize.
- 13. Liability Rule –** The Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur before, during or after the show, including any events held at the livestock show barn.

# AGRICULTURE MECHANICS CONTEST

**Entry Deadline: February 5, 2026**

**Chairmen: Al Lang (512) 304-8706**

## Entry Fee & Prizes

1. Divisions will be Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13) and Senior (ages 14 & up). Projects may be entered as individual or team (up to 2 members). The division will be determined by the oldest member of the team. There will be no substitution of team members after entries are submitted.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per entry.
3. **Categories:** Projects will be judged in their category, Large and Small Wood or Large and Small Metal.
  - a. Small projects must not have any measure that exceeds 36 inches.
  - b. Projects that exceed 36 inches will be in the large category.
4. **Prizes:** The Ag. Mechanics Show will award premium prizes for Grand and Reserve placing entries. A Champion will be selected from one of the first-place projects from the four categories. The Reserve Champion will be selected from the second place that followed the Champion and the first place in the remaining categories. Champion of the Senior Division will receive a rosette and either a \$100 cash prize or will be allowed to sell their project through the auction. (The exhibitor or team must choose either to participate in the auction or to the cash prize, if an exhibitor or team chooses to auction off their project the project will become the property of the buyer with the winning bid. If the exhibitor or team chooses to sell their project at the auction, they must provide their social security number to the livestock show office before the sale.) The Reserve Champion will receive a \$50 cash prize and rosette. If Grand Champion declines to sell project in the auction, Reserve Champion will be extended the option to sell their project in Auction. If an exhibitor or team chooses to auction off their project the project will become the property of the buyer with the winning bid. Intermediate and Junior Division Champions will each receive a \$50 cash prize and rosette, and Reserve Champions will receive a \$25 cash prize and rosette. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

## RULES:

1. Entry: Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) project in the Metal or Wood category. **Entry forms and payment MUST be submitted in person at the BALSFA validation on February 5, 2026 between 5:30 -6:30 p.m.** at the Bastrop Show Barn. **A Mandatory meeting for Ag Mechanics Entries will take place at 6:30 PM immediately following entry collection.**
2. **Check-in:** Projects must be delivered to the Bastrop Area Livestock Show grounds on **Friday, March 6, 2026, between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** **Judging and interviews will be held on Friday, March 6, beginning at 4:30 p.m.** **Awards will be presented on Saturday, March 7, before the livestock auction.** The Show Barn is located at 3003 Loop 150 East behind the American Legion Hall in Bastrop.
3. Originality: All projects must be built in their entirety; projects may not consist of modifications made on an existing project.
4. **Plans, Bill of Materials, Photographs:** Exhibitors are required to provide a record book with an original, exhibitor drawn plan, photographs showing before and after stages of production and a complete bill of materials. The Project Recordbook should be submitted in a notebook binder with tabbed dividers when projects are submitted for judging on **March 6.** **An outline for the record book is provided in the last section of these rules.**

5. Interview: Exhibitors must be present during judging on **March 6** to meet and discuss their project with the judges. Judging will begin at 4:30 PM.
6. Acceptable Projects: All projects must fall in either the wood or metal category. **Projects must have a function and not just be art or for looks.**
  - a. Wood Projects must be 75% wood.
  - b. Metal Projects must be 75% metal.
  - c. Acceptable projects would be Gates, Tables, BBQ Pits, Fire Rings, Feeders, Livestock Equipment, Metal, Wood, etc.
  - d. Unacceptable projects would include Rebuilt Equipment .
7. Judging: Projects will be judged on the following criteria
  - a. Craftsmanship
  - b. Originality
  - c. Functional ability
  - d. Quality of welds and/or fasteners
  - e. Finish- Paint or protective covering
  - f. Details
  - g. Elaboration of the project, the time and effort needed to complete the project
  - h. Project Recordbook with Plan, Bill of Materials, Photographs
  - i. Interview with judges
8. **Pick-up:** All entries must be picked up at the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn during clean-up **on Saturday, March 7**. Entries not picked up at this time will become the property of the Bastrop Livestock Show & Fair Association.
9. Liability Rule – The Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur before, during or after the show, including any events held at the livestock show barn.

## **Agriculture Mechanics Contest Record Book Outline**

*Please Note: A notebook with tabbed dividers is required.*

- I. **Record Book Cover Sheet**
  - A. Exhibitor Name(s)
  - B. Exhibitor Address(es)
  - C. Exhibitor Age(s) and Grade(s) in School
  - D. Name of 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, or SkillsUSA Chapter if applicable Supervisor or Project Leader
  - E. Title/Name of Project
- II. **Project Information**
  - A. Drawing or sketch of project
  - B. Total number of hours spent on project
  - C. Explanation of how project was painted, paint used and where project was painted.
- III. **Summary of Expenses**
  - A. Bill of Materials
  - B. Other expenses i.e. rental, fuel, etc.
- IV. **Pictures**
  - A. Before
  - B. During
  - C. After

# INVITATIONAL BAKING & FOOD PREPARATION CONTEST

Entry Deadline: February 5, 2026

Chairman: Amanda Ortega

[Amanda.Ortega@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Amanda.Ortega@ag.tamu.edu) or 512-581-7186

## ENTRY & PRIZES:

1. Entry fee will be \$15 per exhibitor. Entries are due at the BALSFA validation on February 5, 2026 between 5:30 – 6:30 pm.
2. Prizes will be a rosette for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and ribbons through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

## RULES:

1. Entry: Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) project in the contest for judging from one (1) category listed below.
2. Each entrant must report to the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn at 9:00 am on Friday, March 6, 2026. The Show Barn is located at **3003 Loop 150 East**, behind the American Legion Hall in Bastrop. Judging will immediately follow check-in.
3. Contestants will select and prepare a dish at home and bring it to the contest. There will be no actual cooking preparation at the contest. BALSFA has no capability to refrigerate entries; entries must remain safely cooled and refrigerated until they are checked in for judging.
4. There are five (5) food division categories. A participant may enter one (1) item into each category, but an entry and entry fee must be made for each individual item.
  - a. **Main Dish:** Food classified as main dishes usually contain a meat or meat alternate such as cheese, eggs, dry beans or peas, or peanut butter. They may also contain other foods. Dishes in this category may include: beef, veal, pork, variety meats, poultry, eggs, fish and shellfish, dry beans, etc.
  - b. **Fruit & Vegetable:** These are side dishes or foods that are usually served along with a main dish or as accompaniments to the main course.
  - c. **Bread & Cereal:** Examples of dishes in this category are quick breads, rice dishes and pastas.
  - d. **Nutritious Snacks:** Snacks are commonly eaten between meals by those with higher energy needs. Snacks should provide energy and enhance diet quality. Suggested dishes for this category are dips and dippers, fondues, sandwiches, party foods and refreshments, appetizers, pizzas, and nutritious no-bake cookies.
  - e. **Desserts & Other Baked Goods:** Examples in this category are cakes, cookies, and pies.
5. Each exhibit should include a 12"x12" poster with the title of the exhibit. The poster may be supported by a table easel (provided by the contestant) or constructed to stand on its own. The display must include the recipe and a photo of the completed item as prepared by the exhibitor.
6. The contestant will answer questions about the food exhibit, recipe selection, and food preparation.

7. All entries must be made from scratch, no boxed cakes, canned icing or pre-made pie crusts may be entered whatsoever.
8. Judging will be based on the following:
  - a. Flavor/Taste, or Aroma
  - b. Texture
  - c. Overall Appearance
  - d. Creativity
  - e. Plating, Topping, Icing, or Decoration
9. A size restriction of 30" x 30" x 30" square area will be strictly enforced.

**Results will be announced, and awards will be presented before the livestock auction on Saturday, March 7 at the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn.**

10. **Pick-up:** Poster displays will stay in place until Saturday and must be picked up at the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn during clean-up **on Saturday, March 7**. All Food items must be removed by the exhibitor at the conclusion of judging. Entries not picked up at this time will become the property of the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association.
11. **Liability Rule** – The Bastrop Area Livestock Show and Fair Association will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur before, during or after the show, including any events held at the livestock show barn.

# **INVITATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

**Entry Deadline: February 5, 2026**

**Chairman: Barbara Lang**

**(512) 321-5832**

## **ENTRY & PRIZES:**

1. Entry fee will be \$15 per exhibitor. Entries are due at the BALSFA validation on February 5, 2026 between 5:30 and 6:30 pm.
2. Prizes will be a rosette for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and ribbons through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

## **RULES:**

1. **Each entrant must report to the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn at 11:00 am on Friday, March 6, 2026.** The Show Barn is located at 3003 Loop 150 East, behind the American Legion Hall in Bastrop.
2. Each speech shall be no less than six (6) nor more than eight (8) minutes with five (5) minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges. Contestants will be penalized one (1) point per second on each judge's score sheet for being more than eight (8) minutes or less than six (6) minutes. Time commences when the contestant begins speaking. Contestants may use a wristwatch only to keep record of time.
3. The following descriptions are provided to the participants as a suggested guideline for speeches and in no way meant to be all inclusive. It is the responsibility of the participant to select subject matter appropriate and acceptable to the judges. Obviously, all subject matter should have ties to the agricultural industry.
  - a. **Animal Science:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the industries of dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, swine, beef, specialty animals, embryo transfer, etc.
  - b. **Plant Science:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of horticulture and/or agronomy industries. This may include such areas as floriculture, fruit and or/vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, specialty crop production, etc.
  - c. **Natural Resources:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, rural water, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, environmental issues, etc.
  - d. **Agribusiness:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, futures, hedging, advertising, online marketing program, etc.
  - e. **Agricultural Policy:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, rural economic development, politics, animal rights, law, subsidies, price supports, etc.
  - f. **Agriculture Technology and Communications:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, farm safety, use of technology, research, laser, satellites, computers, journalism, communications, social media, public relations, etc.

4. Judging will be based on the following:
  - a. **Speech Content:** Is the topic current and of interest? Is the topic relevant and within the scope identified in the rules appropriate to the category?
  - b. **Speech Composition:** Is the speech content in logical order, and does it maintain unity of thought throughout? Does the content accomplish the speech's purpose? Grammar in the ORAL PRESENTATION (sentence structure, verb agreement, etc.)
  - c. **Oral Communication:** Examples used, speaks without hesitation, tone, detail-oriented, command of audience, connect and articulate facts and issues
  - d. **Non-Verbal Communication:** Attention (eye-contact), mannerisms, gestures, well poised
  - e. **Response to Questions:** Speaks unrehearsed during question and question period, demonstrates knowledge of the topic during question and answer period, demonstrates high level of articulation and vocabulary choice in answering questions, appropriate use of gestures and mannerisms in deliver of answers
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# 2026 BASTROP AREA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

\*\*\*Please note that this schedule is included as a courtesy and is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the BALSFA Show Board\*\*\*

## Thursday, March 5, 2026

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5:30-6:30 PM Youth Western Art Show Check-in

## Friday, March 6, 2026

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9:00 AM Baking & Food Prep Contest Check-in (*contest immediately follows*)  
11:00 AM Public Speaking Contest Check-in (*contest immediately follows*)  
2:00 PM Youth Western Art Show Judging  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Rabbit Check-in (*Rabbit Show immediately follows Broiler Show*)  
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Broiler Check-in (*Broiler Show immediately follows Broiler Check-In*)  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Ag Mechanics Contest Check-in  
4:30 PM - Finish Ag Mechanics Interviews & Judging  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Swine Check-in

## Saturday, March 7, 2026

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6:30 AM – 7:30 AM Market Lamb & Goat Check-in  
Breeding Goat Check-in  
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Beef Check-in  
8:00 AM – finish Breeding Swine Show  
Market Swine Show  
Swine Showmanship  
Breeding Goat Show  
Market Goat Show  
Goat Showmanship  
Market Lamb Show  
Lamb Showmanship  
Market Steer Show  
Breeding Heifer Show  
Beef Showmanship  
**11:30 AM \*\*\*Lunch Break\*\*\***  
1:00 PM **Contest Results Announced** (*Showmanship Awards, Ag Mechanics, Baking & Food Prep, Public Speaking, & Youth Western Arts Show*)  
**Premium Sale** (*Order: Steer, Hog, Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit*)  
**Barn Clean Up** immediately following Premium Sale  
Ag Mechanics, Baking & Food Prep, & Youth Western Arts entry pick up immediately following barn clean-up