

Texas Rice Festival Livestock Rules

2025

Please make plans to attend the Texas Rice Festival Livestock Show. We look forward to your participation. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for ALL of the youth of Texas to exhibit Ag projects and skills. We will promote friendly competition.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Texas Rice Festival Livestock show is open to all boys and girls in FFA and 4-H. Exhibitors must be enrolled in primary or secondary schools in the state of Texas.
2. Exhibitors must have personally owned, fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a Texas county extension agent, vocational agricultural teacher, or a 4-H leader.
3. Exhibitors are not limited to an entry limit. Exhibitors with more than one entry in the same class must appoint another exhibitor to show his or her second entry.
4. Cattle, Lamb & Goat entities will only be accepted online through the showman app. Rice Judging, Livestock Judging, Floral Design, Ag Mechanics, & Tractor Tech will be entered by your county extension agent or Ag teacher through, Judging Card.
5. **THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A \$100.00 LATE ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL FOR ALL ENTRIES ENTERED AFTER THE DEADLINE (9/19/2025) (CATTLE ONLY). Please make sure you enter with your Ag teacher or county extension agent so cattle can be stalled accordingly. Any entries entered after this deadline will NOT be guaranteed stalls space.**
6. All Jr. Breeding Beef entries are to be in place by 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2025. No animals are allowed to be on the fairgrounds before 4:00 P.M. Thursday.
7. Sand will be used for bedding. You are welcome to bring your own shavings. Shaving will NOT be sold by the fair.
8. Health papers are **NOT** required.

9. The age of animals will be listed as of October 4, 2025. Registration papers must be on show grounds to verify the animal's entry. Papers will be checked at check-in for birth date and ownership. Papers that are pending and cannot verify ownership will have to show AOB. Copy Of registration needs to be uploaded with the entry form for Breed and Age verification.

10. All livestock must be groomed, and the stalls kept clean to the satisfaction of the Livestock Committee.

11. Only uniform signs will be placed over individual animals. FFA or 4-H cards will be used. **NO for sale** signs may be displayed.

12. All uncontrollable or unruly animals will be removed from the show and forfeit any awards.

13. Each exhibitor will receive one number. The number must be worn during the show.

14. **Any animal found to have its physical features altered or tampered with by means of surgical instruments for improving its conformation will be disqualified.**

15. Release of all cattle will be Saturday October 4, 2025 after livestock judging and awards ceremony not to exceed before noon. All lambs & Goats must be in place by 11am October 4, 2025.

16. **All animals are subject to be used by the committee for the Judging Contest on Saturday.**

17. **THE TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES, FIRE, THEFT, ACCIDENTS, ETC., TO ANIMALS, OR TO EXHIBITORS.**

18. SHOW ORDER:

October 3,2025 9am Steers—Bulls—Heifers (In this order)

October 4,2025 2pm Lamb-Goat-Rabbits (In this order)

19. **New lambs & Goats will have stalls(PENS). All trucks and trailers must be parked across the street or at the trailer parking lot.**

20. No parking past the unloading gate. Once you unload you must move your truck & trailer to the trailer & truck parking lots.

BREEDING BEEF RULES

1. All animals must be halter broken and groomed for the show.
2. Unruly animals will be removed from the show arena. There will be three warnings given to exhibitors.
3. A substitute exhibitor may be used if one exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.
4. Check in will be Thursday, October 2, 2025. From 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Due to football games late arrivals will be admitted. **No cattle will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until release time.**

STEER RULES

1. The Steer Show will be on Friday, October 3, 2025. The steer show will begin at 9:00am
2. All Steers will check in Thursday afternoon. Weigh in 5:00pm to 10:00pm. (Main arena)
3. Steers will be provided a stall.
4. A belt buckle will be given to the Grand & Res Champion of the show.
5. No prize money will be awarded.

PROSPECT LAMB RULES

Move in October 4,2025 6am-11am
Check in October 4,2025 11am-1pm
Show October 4, 2025 2pm

1. The Lamb Show will be on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Weigh in 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Show starts at 2:00 p.m. Check in & Scales will be in the main arena next to the announcer stand.

2. Lambs will show according to weight classification. Ewe or wether lambs may be shown.
3. All lambs must be slick shorn, from knee hand hock up, at the time of the show.
4. There will be no prize money given.
5. A belt buckle will be awarded to Grand & Res Champion.
6. There will be 5 classes split according to weight.
7. Lambs will be released immediately following judging.

PROSPECT GOAT SHOW RULES
Move in October 4,2025 6am-11am
Check in October 4,2025 11am-1pm
Show October 4, 2025 following the lamb show

1. The Goat Show will be on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Weigh in at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Goat Show will begin following the Lamb show. Check in & Scales will be in the main arena next to the announcer stand.
2. Goats will show by weight.
3. Weight classes will be determined by show management. There will be 5 classes.
4. No minimum or maximum weight.
5. Wethers and open does are eligible to show. No bucks will be allowed.
6. A belt buckle will be awarded to Grand & Res Champion.
9. Goats will be released immediately following judging.

SHOWMANSHIP

Junior: 11 yrs/under

Intermediate: 12-14 years of age

Senior: 15-18 years of age Breeding Beef Showmanship

There will be a pewee lamb/goat showmanship.

Only entries that did not show in the show will be eligible.

All showmanship will be prior to the show.

NEW FOR 2025 BREEDING RABBIT SHOW

Rabbits will submit entries through the Showman app

Rabbits can move in Sat Oct 4,2025 2pm

Rabbit show will follow the goat show Sat Oct 4,2025