

Texas Rice Festival Livestock Rules

2026

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 bonafide FFA and 4-H members. All exhibitors must be residents in the state of Texas and enrolled in primary or secondary school. Exhibitors can not have already graduated from an accredited high school program.
2. Exhibitors must personally own, feed and care 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 additional entries.
4. Cattle, Lamb, & Goat entries will only be accepted online through ShowmanApp.
5. Rice Judging, Livestock Judging, Floral Design, Ag Mechanics, & Tractor Tech will be entered by your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher through Judging Card. No individual entries will be accepted.
5. THERE WILL BE A \$100.00 LATE ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL FOR ALL ENTRIES ENTERED AFTER THE DEADLINE (9/18/2026). Please make sure you enter with your correct school/club for cattle to 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 1, 2026. No animals are allowed to be on the fairgrounds before 4:00 P.M. Thursday.
7. Sand will be supplied for bedding. You are welcome to bring your own shavings. Shavings will NOT be sold at the facility.

8. Health papers are **NOT** required, unless required by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

9. The age of animals will be listed as of October 2, 2026. 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 be reclassified to AOB. Registration needs to be uploaded on ShowmanApp with the entry for Breed and Age verification.

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

11. **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 3, 2026 after livestock judging and awards ceremony, not to be expected before noon. All lambs & goats must be in place by 11:00am October 3, 2026.

16. **All animals are subject to be used by the committee for the Judging Contest on Saturday, no exceptions. Animals can be pulled from stalls Friday night for class placements, then returned to stalls until the following morning.**

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

18. SHOW ORDER:

October 2, 2026 9am Steers—Bulls—Heifers (In this order)

October 3, 2026 2pm Lamb-Goat-Rabbits (In this order)

19. **Lambs & Goats will be provided stalls (PENS). All trucks and trailers must be parked across the street in the parking lot, or at the trailer parking lot.**

20. **No parking in the area 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 1, 2026. From 5:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Due to football games late arrivals will be admitted. (Please let the committee know if you will be arriving late) **No cattle will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until release time, Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

STEER RULES

1. The Steer Show will be on Friday, October 2, 2026. The steer show will begin at 9:00am
2. All Steers will check in Thursday afternoon. Weigh in 6:00pm 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 3,2026 6am-11am
Check in October 3,2026 11am-1pm
Show October 3, 2026 2pm

1. The Lamb Show will be on Saturday, October 3, 2026. 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 and 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 3, 2026 6am-11am

Check in October 3, 2026 11am-1pm

Show October 3, 2026 following the lamb show

1. The Goat Show will be on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Weigh in at 11:00am - 1:00pm. The Goat Show will begin following the completion of 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.

ALL SHOWMANSHIP

Junior: 11 yrs/under

Intermediate: 12-14 years of age

Senior: 15-18 years of age

There will be a peewee showmanship.

Only entries that did show in the show will be eligible.

Exhibitor and animal must be entered together in the show.

All showmanship classes will be prior to the show..

2026 Breeding Rabbit & Cavy Show

Rabbits will submit entries through the ShowmanApp

Rabbits check in Sat Oct 3, 2026 2:00pm-2:30pm

Rabbit show will begin Sat Oct 3, 2026 3:00pm

Parents/AST/CEA are permitted to help students with projects

LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS

PREMIER TROPHY AWARD

The Premier Banner will be awarded to the club or organization that has acquired the most points at the conclusion of the show in the following categories:

Livestock Show Showmanship

Welding Contest

Rice Judging

Livestock Judging

Livestock Shows

Stall Award

Ag Mechanics

The following Point Award is used to tabulate the scores:

1st Place 5 Points

2nd Place 4 Points

3rd Place 3 Points

4th Place 2 Points

5th Place 1 Points

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

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