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2025
Cuero
Livestock
Show
Rules

2025 SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES

Steer Division Champions

Division Champion Selection: After all classes in a Division are placed (British, ABC, & AOB), the first-place class winners will compete for Division Grand and Reserve Champion.

Overall Champion Selection: After all steers have shown and all Division Grand and Reserve Champions have been selected (British, ABC, & AOB), the Division Grand and Reserve Champions will compete for the Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steer of the Show.

Steer Show Order

The steers will show in this Division order, from light weights to heavy weights:

1) British, 2) American Breed Crosses (ABC), 3) All Other Breeds (AOB).

Breeding Beef Heifer Entries

There will be a limit of three (3) entries per exhibitor in the breeding beef heifer division.

Breeding Beef Heifer Age Classes

Calf:	8-12 months of age (DOB: 3/5/24 – 7/4/24)
Jr. Heifer:	13-17 months of age (DOB: 10/5/23 – 3/4/24)
Late Jr. Heifer:	18-22 months of age (DOB: 5/5/23 – 10/4/23)
Early Sr. Heifer:	23-27 months of age (DOB: 12/5/22 – 5/4/23)
Late Sr. Heifer:	28-30 months of age (DOB: 9/5/22 – 12/4/22)

****RULE CHANGE COMING IN 2026****

All Breeding Beef Heifers must be registered.

2025
CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW
IMPORTANT DATES

September 26, 2024.....Commercial Heifer Validation (Early Validation @ Finney Ranch)
September 28, 2024.....Steers, Breeding Beef Heifer, and Commercial Heifer Validation
October 15, 2024.....Sheep and Goat Validation
October 22, 2024.....Sheep and Goat Validation (Major Show validation will be also take place)
December 6, 2024.....Broilers Must be Ordered
December 7, 2024.....Swine Validation
December 24, 2024.....Market Rabbits must be born on or after this date
January 22, 2025Pick Up Date for CLS Broilers (tentative date)
January 28, 2025.....Market Rabbit Validation
January 31, 2025Deadline for turning in Livestock Show & Horse Show Entries
February 14, 2025Homemaking & Project Show Entry deadline
February 14, 2025.....Late Deadline for turning in Livestock Show & Horse Show Entries (\$100 per entry)
February 25, 2025 Commercial Heifer Sale Information Form Turn-In (Extension Office)
February 28, 2025 Commercial Heifer Record Book Turn-In (Extension Office or CHS Ag Building)

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

(Schedule Subject to Change)

SATURDAY, March 1

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
4:00 – 6:00 PM

- Friar Ag Center will be open for Animal Project Clipping
- Cuero Livestock Show Grand Opening
- Cuero Livestock Horse Show – Rodeo Arena (Rainout Date: TBA)
- Commercial Heifer Show Check-In at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.

SUNDAY, March 2

6:00 – 8:00 AM
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
1:00 – 5:00 PM
4:00 – 6:00 PM
6:00 PM

- Exhibitor Feeding of Commercial Heifers (no feeding after 8:00 AM)
- Live Judging of Commercial Heifers at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.
- Cattle available for buyer viewing at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.
- Commercial Heifer Pre-Auction Social at Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Bldg.
- Commercial Heifer Sale (by video) at Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Bldg.

MONDAY, March 3

5:00 – 7:00 PM

- Homemaking Project Show (non-baked goods) & Ag Mechanics check-in @ Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Bldg.

TUESDAY, March 4

7:00 – 9:00 AM
8:00 AM
4:00 – 6:30 PM
4:30 – 5:30 PM
5:00 – 8:00 PM
6:00 PM

- Homemaking Show (food/baked goods) check-in @ Homemaking Bldg.
- Ag Mechanics Show Judging (exhibitors must be present at their project)
- Market Swine Check-In & Breeding Beef Heifers Allowed to Early Stall
- Broiler and Rabbit Official Weigh/Check-In
- Homemaking Show Baked Items on Sale @ Homemaking Bldg.
- Broiler Judging, followed by Market Rabbit Judging (Broilers and Rabbits will be released from the Barn following Judging, except for Grand and Reserve Champions)

WEDNESDAY, March 5

7:30 – 8:30 AM
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
4:00 PM
6:00 PM

- Breeding Beef Heifer Check-In
- Homemaking Show Baked Items on Sale @ Homemaking Bldg.
- Breeding Beef Heifer Judging
- Breeding Beef Heifers may check out after Show and must be out by 10:00 pm
- Market Swine Judging
- Steers may begin arriving after Market Swine Show is over

THURSDAY, March 6

7:30 – 9:30 AM
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM
5:45 PM
6:00 PM
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

- Steers, Sheep and Goat, Projects Official Weigh-In
- Commercial Heifer Show Interviews at Friar Ag Center
- Goat Judging, followed by Market Lamb Judging
- Commercial Heifer Results given in Ag Center Show Arena
- All Homemaking Baked Items and Project Show Items must be out of building
- Steer Judging
- Deadline for submitting Resale Bids. Bids will be opened at this time.

FRIDAY, March 7

8:00 – 9:00 AM
11:00 AM
5:00 PM
6:00 PM

- Non-Selling Animals & Ag Mechanic Project Check-Out
- Mandatory Meeting for Exhibitors Selling Animals in Auction Sale
- Cuero Young Farmer's Buyers Social
- Pre-Auction Ceremonies and AUCTION SALE

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW JUDGES

Commercial Heifer	Fayette County Crew
Record Book and Interviews	
Commercial Heifer	TBA
Live Judging	
Breeding Beef	Caleb Boardman
	Livestock Judging Coordinator – Texas A&M University
Market Hog	Caleb Boardman
	Livestock Judging Coordinator – Texas A&M University
Broilers	Jacob Price
	Katy High School Ag Science Teacher
Rabbits	Donald Mersiovsky
	ARBA Sanctioned Judge – Belton, TX
Meat Goats	Wayne Morse
	Caldwell County AgriLife Extension Agent
Market Lambs	Wayne Morse
	Caldwell County AgriLife Extension Agent
Steers	Jon DeClerck
	Technical Consultant – Purina Animal Nutrition
Steer Classifier	Shannon DeForest
	Lavaca County Extension Agent
Showmanship	Scott Willey
	Fayette County Extension Agent
Horse Show	Courtney Wall
	Former Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team Member

CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC.
"SERVING THE YOUTH OF DEWITT COUNTY"
2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their family to familiarize themselves with all the general rules and regulations of the show and all other rules in the classroom and departments applicable to their project.

RULE 1 **INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES:**

This show reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters arising out of or connected with or incident to the show and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order.

RULE 2 **LIABILITY:**

This show will in no case be responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by an exhibitor or arising out of or in any way connected with the exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited. Any person, by exhibiting in the show, acknowledges liability for the above.

RULE 3 **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Cuero Livestock Show is open to all DeWitt County FFA and 4-H members who are:

- A) A resident of DeWitt County or attend a school in DeWitt County. High School Seniors graduating the Fall Semester preceding the Show will be eligible to participate.
- B) A resident of DeWitt County and are enrolled in a Home School Program operating in accordance with Texas law. If a student was withdrawn from a public or private school and enrolled in Home School or any other school because of academic failure, expulsion, or alternative education placement, during the current semester of the Cuero Livestock Show or the semester prior, that student will be ineligible to show.
- C) A bona fide registered member of any DeWitt County FFA Chapter or DeWitt County 4-H Club on or before December 1, 2024, and abides by each organization's guidelines. If December 1st deadline is missed, participants may late register for 4-H or FFA up until January 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m., however they will be charged a \$500 late fee, made payable to the Cuero Livestock Show. Provided that the member meets requirements of Rule 3, letter B (above).
- D) Has not and will not show any market animal in any other local show in DeWitt or adjoining counties, other than progress shows between September 1st prior to the show and August 31st, after the show.
- E) DeWitt County 4-H members, DeWitt County FFA, and DeWitt County FCCLA or Homemaking Students are eligible for participation in the homemaking division.
- F) The Cuero Livestock Show is open to all DeWitt County FFA, Junior FFA, FCCLA, and DeWitt County 4-H Club Members who comply with the rules and regulations of the Cuero Livestock Show.
- G) NO PASS. NO SHOW: If an exhibitor is academically ineligible to participate as determined by the public school, private school or Home School Program operating in accordance with Texas law, that exhibitor and their animal project(s) are not eligible to participate in the Cuero Livestock Show, regardless of UIL's ruling on extracurricular activities falling on school holidays. *(Example: Spring Break)*

Rules 1, 2, & 3 apply to the
Cuero Livestock Show, Commercial Heifer Show, Horse
Show and the Cuero Project & Homemaking Show

RULE 4 VALIDATION:

All market and breeding animals must be present at their appropriate validation time. Market animals cannot be validated for any other county or local community show, except the Cuero Livestock Show.

All Market Steers and Breeding Beef Heifers will be validated on **Saturday, September 28, 2024**. Market Lambs and Meat Goats will be validated on **two separate dates. Those two dates are Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and Tuesday, October 22, 2024**. All Market Barrows will be validated on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**. All Market Rabbits will be validated on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**. All Broilers must be ordered by **Friday, December 6, 2024**, by contacting the County Extension Office. Broiler pick up will be at the Cuero High School Ag Building on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025, between 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (tentative date)**

Steers, lambs, goats and pigs that are double validated for major livestock shows and the Cuero Livestock Show, will use the major show tag number as identification for the Cuero Livestock Show.

Exhibitors shall be entitled to validate in each division individually or by family, except for breeding beef heifers. When entry cards are turned in, exhibitors must designate their projects individually with exhibitor's name, however, they do not have to designate the animal tag number until the Official Weigh-In/Check-In at Show Time. Absolutely no changes can be made after the Official Weigh-In/Check-In.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to validate 3 of each species: barrows, goats, lambs, and steers free of charge. \$2.00 per head will be charged for all validations that exceed this amount.

RULE 5 POSSESSION:

All animal project(s) must be in the exhibitor's possession from the time the animal is validated until the date of the Livestock Show. Possession is defined as having the animal project(s) in any location within DeWitt or contiguous counties that provides for the convenient care of the animal project(s) by the Exhibitor on a regular basis. The Ag Science Teacher or County Extension Agent have the authority to determine whether animal project(s) are in the possession of the Exhibitor and may make recommendations to the Exhibitor to meet the possession requirement if it is believed the Exhibitor is not in the possession of the animal project(s).

RULE 6 ENTRIES:

All entries must be made on the official entry form. Entries must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parents/Guardian and the Ag Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. In all cases, the right is reserved to reject or accept any entry. Official entry forms will be furnished by the Ag Science Teacher(s) or the DeWitt County Extension Agent.

Each entry must be submitted to the Ag Science Teacher(s) or DeWitt County Extension Agent no later than **5:00 p.m. January 31, 2025**. No entry will be accepted unless the entry form is completely and legibly filled out and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Entry fees are as follows: All Market Animals - \$25.00 each; Breeding Beef Animals - \$25.00 each.

If the January 31st deadline is missed, late entries will be accepted through 5:00p.m., February 14th, 2025, however, the late entry fee will be \$100 per entry.

****NOTE:** *THE TAG NUMBER OF THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE FILLED IN ON THE ENTRY CARD AT THE TIME OF ENTRY. THEY WILL BE FILLED IN ON THE ENTRY CARD, BY THE EXHIBITOR OR FAMILY MEMBER, AT THE TIME OF THEIR OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN AT SHOW TIME.*

RULE 7 NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

There will be a limit of three (3) entries per exhibitor in beef, sheep, goat, and swine market divisions. Broiler and market rabbit exhibitors are limited to one (1) pen.

There will be a limit of three (3) entries per exhibitor in the breeding beef heifer division.

RULE 8 ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS:

All exhibitors must have their animals weighed in, or must be in line during specified check-in times, or their animal(s) will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

RULE 9 TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES:

All animals will be subject to rules and regulations governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions, as prescribed by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

RULE 10 CARE OF ANIMALS:

All exhibitors shall feed, water, and care for their own animals until the Buyer takes charge of them or until released by the Show Office. Poultry feed will be furnished by the Show.

RULE 11 OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN:

Animals must weigh between the minimum and maximum weights as described in these rules. If an animal does not meet these weight requirements it will be removed, scales balanced, and **IMMEDIATELY** re-weighed one (1) time. If weight requirements are not met after re-weighing, the animal will be sifted. ***An official weighmaster will be appointed to call out the official weights of all animal species at official weigh-in. There will be no weight tolerance allowed on any animal species.***

Once an animal crosses the scale it is an entry. Only the maximum number of entries per species will be allowed to be weighed. There will be no weighing of extra animals.

Animals must be officially weighed-in free of show paraphernalia (Lead ropes, chains, sweater blankets, sweat collars, etc.), except for halters or collars on Steers, Lambs, and Goats.

Families with multiple kids having multiple entries of the same species, must decide which animal belongs to which kid, before their last animal leaves the scale. This decision must be made at the time a group of animals is weighed. (Example: Families bringing animals in separate groups must decide who's exhibiting which animal as each group is weighed)

Official Scales: The "official" scales that will be used for official weigh-in will be available for exhibitors to weigh their projects on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After Saturday the scales will be put up until official weigh-in.

Note – the scales will not be officially verified until March 3rd or March 4th.

RULE 12 JUDGING/SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN:

The decision of the Judge shall be final in all classes. All exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and show their own animals, barring accident or sickness. If an exhibitor is injured or sick, a doctor's excuse will need to be presented to the board of directors. In the case of immediate illness or injury while showing, a substitute showman will be allowed, at the discretion of the board.

A case-by-case review will be made by the board of directors as needed, regarding unforeseen conflicts with school-related activities, such as UIL advanced competition. (Example: Regional or State band or sporting events)

An exhibitor may have a substitute showman show his/her other animal, provided he/she has more than one animal in the judging ring at the same time. This substitute showman must be an eligible DeWitt County 4-H or FFA member that attends school in DeWitt County and has an animal project in the current Show. All such assistants must give the name of the owner of the animal to show officials tabulating the judging results. However, animals qualifying for the Championship Drive must be exhibited by their owner. **EXCEPTION:** An assistant exhibitor may be used if an exhibitor has more than one animal in the Championship Drive. No person but the exhibitor, official judge and certified assistants shall be allowed in the judging ring.

Exhibitor, family member(s), or any other representative of the exhibitor shall not dispute the judge's decision. If any disrespect is shown toward the judge before, during, or after the judging, the Board reserves the right to ban the exhibitor from future shows. The Board serves final decision concerning dispute.

RULE 13 SIFTING OF ANIMALS:

No unruly animals will be allowed in the show. All market and breeding cattle must be halter broken. Nose rings are allowed to assist in handling breeding and market cattle in show competition. The enforcement of these rules is the responsibility of the division superintendent.

RULE 14 SHOW DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

The entries shall be divided into divisions and classes, and as such additional classes as the show manager may determine.

RULE 15 UNETHICAL DRUG USE & FITTING:

Abuse or misuse of drugs and chemicals in show animals by exhibitor will result in his or her being disqualified from show and will result in forfeiture of all premiums and prize money. This includes necessary medications that do not meet the withdrawal requirements for slaughter. The Cuero Livestock Show reserves the right to have blood, urine and other body tissue laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of unapproved chemical drug, or any other unapproved medication will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Cuero Livestock Show. **The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus), is strictly prohibited in the Show Barn.**

RULE 16 PROTESTS:

All protests must be made in writing to the Manager of the Show and must be made immediately after the occasion arises for protest.

RULE 17 AWARDS:

A placing ribbon (blue, white) will be given to each entry with special rosettes and banners for the Champion and Reserve Champion. Showmanship Awards will be given in the Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Poultry and Rabbit Divisions. Premiums will be awarded in the breeding classes only.

RULE 18 REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:

All animals in market classes that are not eligible for the Auction Sale may be removed only at a specified time appointed by the Show Superintendent with a Release Form from the Show Office. Violations of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor. The exhibitor is responsible for obtaining a release from the Show Office to remove their animal. If a release is not obtained, the animal will be put on resale, except for white ribbon Steers.

Breeding animals may be removed from the show barn only during a specified time appointed by the Show Superintendent. A release must be obtained before the animal is removed.

RULE 19 RESALE:

Animals not making the Auction Sale are eligible for resale except for white ribbon steers. For an exhibitor to take a non-sale animal home, he or she must obtain a release from the Show Office by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the Sale. If a release is not obtained and the animal is not picked up by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, the animal will be put on resale.

The bids for buying the resale animals from the Cuero Livestock Show will be accepted through **Thursday, March 6, 2025, until 7:00 P.M.** at which time the sealed bids will then be opened. The bid will go to the highest bid submitted in each animal category. All bids will be submitted FOB. Cuero Livestock Show will not make delivery.

Individuals wishing to purchase a resale animal must go directly to the resale buyer for the transaction. The Cuero Livestock Show will not handle any outside transaction(s) dealing with Auction Sale or Resale animals. This rule will be strongly enforced!

RULE 20 AUCTION SALE:

The Cuero Livestock Show Auction Sale is considered a "Spot Sale", in which there is a transfer of ownership between the seller and buyer, therefore all animals selling through the Auction Sale are considered sold and are ineligible for any other junior market show and sale. The Auction Sale will begin following the Pre-Auction ceremonies, which start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. A six percent (6%) commission charge will be made.

Each exhibitor is limited to one sale slot. The only exception is that all Champions and Reserve Champions of the market classes will sell, thus an exhibitor having two or more champions or reserve champions will sell more than one entry.

Exhibitors must be present to sell their market projects at the designated time. The only exceptions are accidents or sickness, and the exhibitor must notify the agent or advisor prior to Sale time and have a written doctor's excuse.

Only blue-ribbon projects will sell. No white ribbon projects will sell in any of the market divisions of the Cuero Livestock Show.

PLEASE NOTE: Animals shall not be decorated for the Sale using glue, glitter, paint, or any other adhesive or potential contaminating substance. They may be decorated with hats, ribbons, clothing, etc., if it can be taken off the body.

Under no circumstances will the buyer be allowed to reconsider after the sale is completed. Buyers must pay immediately upon receipt of an invoice from the Show. No breeding animals will be sold through the Show. If an exhibitor has more than one market animal of the same specie qualify for the auction sale, in a guaranteed sale slot, and these animals are double validated for major livestock shows and the Cuero Livestock Show, the exhibitor may choose which animal to sell. In other words, an exhibitor may choose to sell a lower placing animal if it's in a guaranteed sale slot. The exhibitor or a family member will be required to let the office know within 1 hour after the show. This rule does not apply to grand or reserve champion animals. A "guaranteed" sale slot is defined as an animal that places high enough in a class that it finishes within the maximum number of sale lots for each species, as listed in Rule #21.

Following the sale of Grand and Reserve Champions the Auction Sale Order will be as follows:

1) Steers; 2) Market Swine; 3) Market Lambs; 4) Meat Goats; 5) Broilers; 6) Market Rabbits.

NOTE: Add-On money will be accepted from immediately after sale of animal, until two (2) weeks following the Auction Sale.

RULE 21 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SALE LOTS:

The maximum number of Sale lots in each of the market divisions will be as listed. The show reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of sales in any of the divisions.

Steers	30
Market Hogs	42
Market Lambs	45 *
Meat Goats	45 *
Broilers	10**
Rabbits	15**

** There will be a total of 45 Market Lambs and Meat Goats that will be sold in the Auction. The number sold in each division will be determined by a percentage of how many animals are weighed-in, in each of the divisions.*

EXAMPLE:

# Entries of Mkt. Lambs	40
# Entries of Meat Goats	60

60% of the 45 sale lots will sell in Goats equaling 27 and 40% of the 45 sale lots will sell in Market Lambs equaling 18, for a total of 45 sale lots for both divisions.

*** If there are any sale lots not used in one species (broilers or rabbits), those lots will move to the other species (broilers or rabbits).*

RULE 22 UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:

Exhibitors participating in or exhibiting unacceptable behavior while on the show grounds can be banned from future shows and/or be made to forfeit premium money. Unacceptable behavior may include, but not be limited to, such things as: fighting, bullying, shaving cream fights, name-calling, cursing, etc.

RULE 23 STALLS, PENS & ALLEYS:

Stalls, pens, alleys, and exhibit spaces must be kept clean. Waste matter (manure, hay, feed, shavings) must be disposed of in designated dumpsters. Trash must be disposed of in trash dumpsters. Feed, chairs, show equipment boxes, etc. are not permitted to be placed in areas blocking the main alleys or barn aisles. Caution shall be used when placing overhead show equipment boxes or racks in aisle areas, so that they don't pose a safety risk.

RULE 24 CAMPERS/TRAILERS:

Campers and/or trailers with living quarters are permitted to be parked in the Cuero City Park near the Friar Ag Center, however they are not allowed to be parked within 100 feet of the building.

RULE 25 STOCK SHOW PICTURES & BUYER THANK YOU LETTERS:

Every exhibitor making the sale with their market animal will automatically have a **\$20.00** fee taken out of their Stock Show check to cover the cost of the picture, envelope, and postage. The County Extension Agent or the Ag Science Teacher will mail this envelope containing the picture and a "Buyer Thank You" to the buyer. No auction sale checks will be released to exhibitors until a "Buyer Thank You", or a copy of the "Thank You" letter, is brought to their respective supervisor (CEA or AST). ***Thank You Notes should be taken care of within two (2) weeks of exhibitor buyer information being made available.***

RULE 26 SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

Cuero FFA Chapter will handle set-up prior to the livestock show. DeWitt County 4-H Club members participating in the livestock show and/or homemaking show will handle clean-up following the Show. Clean-up will start at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 8th and last until all facilities are completely clean. **In addition to facilities clean-up, each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning shavings out of their pen(s). All 4-H & FFA exhibitors will need to be at the barn at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday to clean their pen(s).** If an exhibitor does not clean their pen(s), Cuero Livestock Show, Inc. will assess a \$50 penalty (per pen). This rule will be strongly enforced.

RULE 27 DEPOSITING LIVESTOCK SHOW CHECKS:

Exhibitors shall perform all requirements necessary to receive their checks from the sale of their project and shall pick up and deposit their checks on or before September 1, 2025. Any exhibitor who fails to pick up and deposit their check, from the sale of their project, on or before September 1, 2025, thereby relinquishes their check to Cuero Livestock Show, Inc., and said check shall be deposited into the Cuero Livestock Show, Inc. General Fund Account to be used by Cuero Livestock Show, Inc. as the Board so determines with no additional recourse provided to the Exhibitor. If an Exhibitor picks up his/her check but fails to deposit the check on or before September 1, 2025, the issued check will be cancelled, and the funds shall be deposited into the General Fund Account of Cuero Livestock Show, Inc. to be used as the Board so determines with no additional recourse provided to the Exhibitor.

RULE 28 DRESS CODE

The Cuero Livestock Show will enforce a dress code to emphasize to exhibitors the importance of a professional appearance. We expect all exhibitors to look well-groomed to visitors and judges who attend the Cuero Livestock Show.

Male Exhibitors:

Must be clean shaven with no facial hair.

Hair must be clean, neat, well-groomed, and not over collar length.

All clothing must look professional and not distracting as determined by the Cuero Livestock Show Board of Directors.

No body piercing jewelry of any type.

No visible tattoos.

Female Exhibitors:

Hair must be clean, neat, well-groomed and of natural color (blond, brown, black, natural red and gray).

All clothing must look professional and not distracting as determined by the Cuero Livestock Show Board of Directors.

Earrings are acceptable but no other visible body piercing jewelry is acceptable.

No visible tattoos.

Exhibitors are prohibited from having a cell phone with them while exhibiting their animal in the show ring.

Exhibitors are prohibited from having drinks with them while exhibiting their animal in the show ring.

MARKET STEERS

All Market Steers must be owned and on feed by the exhibitor by **Saturday, September 28, 2024**, which is the official validation and weigh-in date. Time will be between **8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** at the Cuero Livestock Commission Company (Auction Barn), 1817 Bridge Road, Cuero. ***If an exhibitor validated a steer through the Official DeWitt County Major Show Validation program and is intending to exhibit that same steer at the Cuero Livestock Show, they do not need to bring the steer to the Cuero Livestock Show Steer Validation. However, the family must notify the County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, and give the major show tag number(s) of the steer(s) to be officially validated for the Cuero Livestock Show.***

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Steers is Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. All exhibitors must have their Steers weighed in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Official classification will take place during the Cuero Livestock Show at the time of weigh-in on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

All steers must be owned and in the exhibitor's possession for the entire period from the validation date until the stock show. Steers officially weighed-in at CLS Validation on September 28th are eligible to compete for the Steer "Rate of Gain" Award.

This class shall consist of all steers of any breed or crossbreed that have been dehorned, halter-broken, and that were put on feed as of the official validation and weigh-in date. That date being ***the last Saturday of September***. Any animal intended to be exhibited to show must be present on this designated day and must be a project or demonstration under the supervision of the Ag Science Teacher(s) or DeWitt County Extension Agent.

The DeWitt County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher(s) will certify each 4-H or FFA project.

The minimum weight of steers at the Official Show Weigh-In **must be 1,000 pounds**. Any steer weighing **less than 1,000 pounds** will be sifted.

Steers must be shorn to not more than 1/4" on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the grounds. Steers will have their hair checked for 1/4" length at the official weigh-in. Steers checked at official weigh-in that do not pass the first inspection will have until the 9:30 a.m. official weigh-in cut off time, to be touched up and re-inspected. Steers not shorn to 1/4" at that time will be disqualified from showing.

Steer Classes: Steer Classes will be broken by weight into equal as possible classes of American Breed Crosses, British Breeds, and All Other Breeds, as determined by the Cuero Livestock Show Steer Committee, after Steer entries have been weighed and classified.

Classification Divisions:

- a. American Breed Crosses (ABC) – Steer crosses must exhibit at least 3/8 Brahman characteristics. Five (5) or more steers must class American for the Division to make.**
- b. British Breeds – Steers must physically exhibit characteristics of the following purebred breeds: Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, or Shorthorn. Five (5) or more steers must class British for the Division to make.**
- c. All Other Breeds (AOB) – All Steers which do not fall into the American or British divisions.**

Note: Exhibitors must declare what division they are wanting to be classed into (ABC, British, or AOB), at time of classifying, to the classifier, before walking the steer on the scale.

Unruly Steer Rule: The Classifier, Division Superintendent, Show Manager, or Steer Judge are authorized to dismiss an unruly steer at any time. The decision by any of them shall be final. These animals shall be removed immediately from the show grounds.

Quality Sift Rule: The Classifier and 2 other judges appointed by the Show Manager, will be authorized to dismiss any steers deemed to not be of show quality. The quality sift will take place during and immediately after steer weigh-in. The decision of this "Quality Sift Committee" shall be final. These animals shall be immediately removed from the show grounds.

Steers will be required to be shown with a show halter and a show stick.

MARKET STEERS (cont.)

The Judge will place the entire class. Each Steer will receive a Blue or White Ribbon as determined by the Judge. White ribbon steers will not be given a Sale Slot for the Auction and will not be eligible for resale. They must be taken home by the exhibitor.

Division Champion Selection: After all classes in a Division are placed (British, ABC, & AOB), the first-place class winners will compete for Division Grand and Reserve Champion, with second-place class winners standing by.

Overall Champion Selection: After all steers have shown and all Division Grand and Reserve Champions have been selected (British, ABC, & AOB), the Division Grand and Reserve Champions will compete for the overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steer of the Show.

The steers will show in this Division order, from light weights to heavy weights: 1) British, 2) American Breed Crosses, 3) All Other Breeds.

Sale will be made up of 30 steers total. If there are more than 30 steers, a percentage of each class will be taken based on the number of total steers entered in the show.

Example:	50	Steers Entered
	<u>60%</u>	Sell
	30	Sale Slots for Steers

If there are more or less steers entered, the percentage will fluctuate to make the 30 steers sell. To sell in the example above, an exhibitor would have to beat 40% of the steers in his/her class.

In the event of an exhibitor having two or more steers, the highest-placed steer will be sold. The steer that takes that steer's place in the sale shall be the next highest placed steer in that class provided he is blue ribbon quality. In the event of a tie between steers for the sale, the order will be determined by a flip of a coin, unless otherwise decided by the committee.

The order of sale shall be:

- 1 - Grand Champion
- 2 - Reserve Champion
- 3 - 1st Placed Steers in all Classes
- 4 - 2nd Placed Steers in all Classes
(and so on, until 30 steers are sold)

The sale order of number 3 & 4 and on will depend on the class in which the Grand Champion Steer is selected from.

For steers that make the auction sale, the resale price will be figured on a maximum weight of 1250 pounds. Any steer that does not make the auction and is put on resale, will be paid resale price for actual weight. Any buyer who buys a steer in the auction sale must figure the resale price on actual weight up to 1250 pounds. Any resale pounds over 1250 pounds will go to the Cuero Livestock Show. Any buyer who chooses to keep his big steer to slaughter will benefit in added pounds of meat.

MARKET BARROWS

All Market Barrows must be owned and on feed by the exhibitor at the time of validation on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**.
Validation is from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Friar Ag Center in the Cuero City Park.

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Market Barrows is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. All Exhibitors must have their Market Barrows weighed in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Any animal intending to be exhibited at the show must be a project or demonstration under the supervision of a DeWitt County Ag Science Teacher(s) or DeWitt County Extension Agent.

This class shall consist of all market barrows and each entry must weigh between **230 and 290 pounds** scale weight, at Market Swine Check-In (March 4, 2025) at the Cuero Livestock Show. ***There will be a no weight tolerance allowed for Market Barrows at the Official weigh-in.***

Classes shall be decided by the Swine Committee. There shall be a maximum of seven (7) classes.

Champion Selections: After each of the classes has been placed, the first placed market barrow of each class will compete for Grand Champion Barrow.

After the Grand Champion Barrow is selected, the second placed hog of the class that furnished the Grand Champion Barrow will compete with the other first placed hogs for Reserve Champion Barrow.

Sale Lots: The sale will be made up of 42 hogs. These 42 Sale Lots will be filled by starting with the Grand and Reserve Champion Barrows, then going to the first-place heavy weight barrow, moving across all seven classes, coming back to the second-place heavy weight barrow, and repeating this process until all 42 slots are filled.

Clean Shavings:

To keep barn odor to a minimum, all barrow exhibitors are required to replace shavings in their pens on Friday before the Auction Sale. This includes shavings in all pens (auction sale barrows and re-sale barrows).

To enable show officials to move pigs and exhibitors safely and efficiently to and from the show ring for judging, only exhibitors and those assisting them will be allowed in the swine stalling area during the market barrow show.

MARKET LAMBS

All Market Lambs must be owned and on feed by the exhibitor at the time of validation on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** or **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Major show validation is **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Both Validations will take place at the Friar Ag Center in the Cuero City Park. All market lambs will be checked for teeth at this time. The lamb's milk teeth must be in place.

Any animal intended to be exhibited at the show must be present on this day and must be a project or demonstration under the supervision of a DeWitt County Ag Science Teacher(s) or DeWitt County Extension Agent.

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Lambs is Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. All Exhibitors must have their Lambs weighed-in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Wether Lambs Only. Lambs must weigh a **minimum of 100 pounds** at the official weigh-in. **There is no maximum weight. There will be no weight tolerance allowed for Market Lambs at the official weigh-in. Market lambs should be “meat type” breeds and crosses, and should be castrated, de-horned and docked. Meat type could include hair sheep or crosses thereof.**

Classes will be determined upon the basis of entries received on the day of the show and will be broken into classes as determined by weight at the show by the Division Superintendent.

Weight Classes: Market Lambs will be broken by weight into equal classes, after official weigh-in.

Champion Selections: After each of the classes has been placed, the first placed lambs of the classes will compete for Grand Champion Lamb. After the Grand Champion Lamb is selected, the second placed lamb of the class that furnished the grand champion lamb will compete with the other first placed lambs for Reserve Champion Lamb.

There will be a total of 45 Market Lambs and Meat Goats that will be sold in the Auction. The number sold in each division will be determined by a percentage of how many animals are weighed-in, in each of the divisions. These Sale Lots will be filled by starting with the first-place heavy weight lamb, moving across all classes, coming back to the second-place heavy weight lamb, and repeating this process until all slots are filled.

MEAT GOATS

All Meat Goats must be owned and on feed by the exhibitor at the time of validation on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** or **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Major show validation is **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Both Validations will take place at the Friar Ag Center in the Cuero City Park.

Any animal intended to be exhibited at the show must be present on this day and must be a project or demonstration under the supervision of a DeWitt County Ag Science Teacher(s) or DeWitt County Extension Agent.

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Goats is Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. All Exhibitors must have their Goats weighed-in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 Meat Goats in this division. Only Wether Goats may be shown, and they must be carrying their middle pair of milk teeth at validation. Any goat having lost one or both middle milk teeth will not be validated.

Goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped. Goats may be any breed or crossbred. Halters or small pet collars (nylon, leather, or chain) around the animal's neck may be used.

Wether Goats Only. Weighing and assignment of weight classes will be determined under the direction of the Goat Superintendent. Meat Goats must weigh between **65 and 120 pounds** at official weigh-in. ***There will be no weight tolerance allowed for Meat Goats at the official weigh-in.***

There will be a total of 45 Market Lambs and Meat Goats that will be sold in the Auction. The number sold in each division will be determined by a percentage of how many animals are weighed-in, in each of the divisions. These Sale Lots will be filled by starting with the first-place heavy weight goat, moving across all classes, coming back to the second-place heavy weight goat, and repeating this process until all slots are filled.

MARKET BROILERS

Only commercial birds purchased from a commercial hatchery may be entered. The orders for broiler chicks must be made through the Ag Science Teacher(s) or the DeWitt County Extension Agent by Friday, December 6, 2024. All Broilers must be picked up at the Friar Ag Center on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, between 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (tentative date)

All chicks will be wing banded. The person picking up the chick order will be responsible for checking and confirming wing-bands at the time of pickup. No broiler will be accepted at the Cuero Livestock Show without the original wing-band properly in place. Exhibitors are encouraged to consult with their respective supervisors (CEA or AST) about the proper management methods of wing-bands.

Each exhibitor will be limited to one pen of broilers. For an individual to be eligible to exhibit a pen of broilers, he/she must start with a minimum of 25 birds. The Broiler Chick order will be a straight run, consisting of mixed sexes. A pen of broilers may consist of either cockerels or pullets, however mixed sexes in a pen is discouraged.

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Broilers is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. All Exhibitors must have their Broilers checked in, or must be in line during this time, or their animals will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

All judging and awarding of ribbons will be on a pen basis, not an individual basis. Only pen entries will be accepted. Each pen will consist of three (3) birds. ***Each exhibitor will be responsible for having helpers hold their birds.*** Exhibitors will also be judged on showmanship. There will be Junior and Senior showmanship awards.

The minimum weight per pen will be 12 pounds, and no maximum weight. Birds not of show quality shall be sifted and immediately removed from show grounds. No substitution of birds will be permitted. Birds must be properly banded upon weigh-in at the Show. Bands will be provided by the show.

Broiler feed and feed/water containers will be provided by Cuero Livestock Show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that broilers are taken care of properly.

There will be 10 Sale Lots for Broilers (see Rule #21).

Any Market Broilers that are not claimed by the Buyer or the Exhibitor by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025, will become property of the Cuero Livestock Show and will go on Resale if there is a Resale buyer. **Occasionally CLS will have a resale buyer for market broilers. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the show office before removing broilers from barn.**

MARKET RABBITS

All market rabbits must be born on or after **December 24, 2024**, no more than 70 days before show time and must be in the possession of the exhibitor on or before January 28, 2025. The birth date of the rabbits must be verified by the breeder. A breeder verification form can be picked up from the County Extension Agent or the Ag Science Teacher and must be completed and presented at the time of validation. All market rabbits must be validated on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Friar Ag Center**. Each exhibitor will be limited to one (1) pen of market rabbits and may only validate a maximum of six (6) market rabbits.

All judging and awarding of ribbons will be on a pen basis, not an individual basis. Only pen entries will be accepted. Each pen will consist of three (3) rabbits. Upon completion of the Market Rabbit Show, exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in a Market Rabbit Showmanship Class. There will be Junior and Senior showmanship awards.

The OFFICIAL SHOW WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN TIME for Rabbits is Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Only the pen of three (3) rabbits will be allowed to be brought to the scale and weighed in, no alternates. All Exhibitors must have their Rabbits weighed-in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Each rabbit must not weigh more than **5.5 pounds (5 lbs 8 oz) at show check-in**. ***There will be no weight tolerance allowed for Market Rabbits at the official weigh-in.*** Exhibitors are required to bring their own cages and care for their rabbits during the show. Rabbit cages must be within a reasonable size. No large carriers are allowed. All carriers must have waterproof bottoms. Any animal showing symptoms of any disease will not be allowed admittance to the show. Any Market Rabbits that are not claimed by the Buyer or the Exhibitor by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025, will become property of the Cuero Livestock Show and will go on Resale if there is a Resale buyer. **Occasionally CLS will have a resale buyer for market rabbits. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the show office before removing rabbits from barn.**

Exhibitors are prohibited from having cell phones and drinks with them while exhibiting their rabbits in the show ring.

There will be 15 Sale Lots for Market Rabbits (see Rule #21).

BREEDING DIVISION

BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS

An exhibitor may show no more than **three (3) heifers** in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show. Any animal intended to be exhibited at the Show must be a project under the supervision of a DeWitt County Ag Science Teacher(s) or the DeWitt County Extension Agent. All breeding beef heifers must be validated at their designated time.

Breeding Beef heifers must be bona fide property of the exhibitor no later than the official validation date of **Saturday, September 28, 2024 (see exception below)**. Validation time will be between **8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** at the Cuero Livestock Commission Company (auction barn), 1817 Bridge Road in Cuero. ***If an exhibitor validated a heifer through the Official DeWitt County Major Show Heifer Validation program prior to Cuero Livestock Show heifer validation and is intending to exhibit the heifer at the Cuero Livestock Show, they do not need to bring the heifer to the Cuero Livestock Show Heifer Validation. However, they must notify the County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, and give the major show bar code or tag number(s) of the heifer(s) to be officially validated for the Cuero Livestock Show.***

Exception: *If an exhibitor is planning on validating a heifer through the Official DeWitt County Major Show Heifer Validation program in the fall of 2024 (following CLS heifer validation) and is intending to exhibit the heifer at the Cuero Livestock Show, they do not need to bring the heifer to the Cuero Livestock Show Heifer Validation. However, they must notify the County Extension Agent and/or Ag Science Teacher at Major Show Heifer Validation that they want the heifer(s) to be officially validated for the Cuero Livestock Show too.*

Substitutions: Substitutions will only be allowed if the substitute heifer has been validated through the Cuero Livestock Show validation process.

Breeding Beef Heifers may stall early on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m., however the **OFFICIAL SHOW CHECK-IN TIME** for Breeding Beef Heifers is Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 7 :30 – 8:30 a.m. All Exhibitors must have their cattle checked in, or must be in line during this time, or their animal will be disqualified. This rule will strongly be enforced by the CLS Stock Show Board. There will be no exceptions!

Breeding Heifers must have registration papers or a statement from breeder giving breed and birth date. Breeding heifers must have at least one registered parent in the last two generations.

Breed Classes and premium money will be determined after all breeding beef heifers have checked in. No white ribbon heifers will be eligible for premium money.

Age Classes:

Calf:	8-12 months of age (DOB: 3/5/24 – 7/4/24)
Jr. Heifer:	13-17 months of age (DOB: 10/5/23 – 3/4/24)
Late Jr. Heifer:	18-22 months of age (DOB: 5/5/23 – 10/4/23)
Early Sr. Heifer:	23-27 months of age (DOB: 12/5/22 – 5/4/23)
Late Sr. Heifer:	28-30 months of age (DOB: 9/5/22 – 12/4/22)

Heifers will be required to be shown with a show halter and a show stick.

All Breeding Beef Heifer Exhibitors may obtain a release from the office to take their heifer(s) home following the completion of their Show.

****NEW RULE COMING IN 2026****

All breeding beef heifers must be registered.

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW
MARKET RABBIT BREEDER'S STATEMENT
(1 Sheet per Pen of Market Rabbits)

Exhibitor Name: _____

Ear Tattoo # (will be provided by CLS at validation): _____

Breed of Rabbit: _____

Rabbits' Birth Date: _____

County in which Rabbits were Bred and Born: _____

Rabbit Breeder Name: _____

Address: _____

I do verify that according to my records, the above information is accurate.

Signature of Breeder

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**2025
COMMERCIAL
HEIFER
SHOW RULES**

2025 Commercial Heifer Show Schedule

Thursday, September 26, 2024

3:30-7:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Validation – early validation at Finney Ranch

Saturday, September 28, 2024

9:00-10:00 AM – Commercial Heifer Validation – validation at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.

Friday, January 31, 2025

Before 5:00 PM – Commercial Heifer entry cards are due in Extension Office or CHS Ag Building

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Before 5:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Sale Information Form must be turned into Extension Office

Friday, February 28, 2025

Before 5:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Record Books must be turned into Extension Office or CHS Ag Building

Saturday, March 1, 2025

4:00-6:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Show Check-In at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.

Sunday, March 2, 2025

6:00-8:00 AM – Exhibitor Feeding of Commercial Heifers (no feeding after 8:00 AM)

9:00 AM-12:30 P.M. – Commercial Heifer Live Judging at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.

1:00-5:00 PM – Cattle available for buyer viewing at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.

4:00-6:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Pre-Auction Social at Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building

6:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Auction Sale by video at Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, breeding, exhibition, and marketing of beef cattle heifers.

This project is not a part of the Junior Livestock Market Auction; therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell their commercial heifer projects as well as a Junior Livestock Show market project. However, exhibitors must abide by the General Junior Livestock Show Rules.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by DeWitt County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.
2. This show is limited to exhibitors that are solely participating in the Cuero Livestock Show. Participants will be ineligible to show in the Cuero Livestock Show Commercial Heifer Show if they validate and show market animals in any other county show (Yoakum, Yorktown, Nordheim, Victoria, etc.).
3. The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Commercial crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show, provided they have not been shown anywhere before the 2025 Cuero Livestock Show Commercial Heifer Show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Cuero Livestock Show Junior Beef Heifer Division. The Commercial Heifer project will consist of a **pen of two heifers**.
4. Heifers may be purchased from any breeder in Texas. A breeder information form, signed by breeder, parent, and exhibitor must be turned into committee at validation (*see attached form*).
5. **Each exhibitor is limited to one entry.** Each exhibitor may validate one alternate heifer but will only be able to show and sell a total of two.
6. All junior commercial heifer entries will be **validated on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Finney Ranch, from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., or on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Cuero Livestock Commission Company, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 AM.** Exhibitors must bring with them the breeder information form signed by the breeder, parent, and exhibitor showing the heifer's birth date. Forms will be available from the County Extension Agent's office, or from the Ag Science Teacher (*see attached form*).
7. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated by validation. They must have a legible brucellosis calfhood vaccination tag and/or tattoo. Heifers are eligible for calfhood vaccination at 4-12 months of age.
8. All heifers entered in the Commercial Heifer Show must be dehorned by check-in time (March 1, 2025).
9. Heifers must not have calved any earlier than October 1, 2024.
10. At the time of validation, the pen of heifers must have an **average weight of 600 lbs.** minimum.
11. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the tag-in date.

12. Exhibitors must own heifers 100% throughout the feeding period starting on the initial validation date, and proof of ownership must be shown at that time (see Rule 4 Breeder Information Form). Exhibitors must feed and care for heifers.
13. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to go out in January 2025 to each exhibitor's place, to inspect the heifers for quality and determine eligibility.
14. There will be a **\$30.00 entry fee** (\$15.00 per head) that is due with the entry card by **January 31, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.**
15. A veterinary inspection will be required for all females entering the Show and Sale. **A Veterinary Test Record Form will be provided by Cuero Livestock Show** (*see attached form*). All females must have calfhooed vaccination information listed on CLS Veterinary Test Record Form. All females must be palpated, and this information must be listed on the CLS Veterinary Test Record Form. Palpation will be the only allowed method of determining pregnancy status. **All tests must be done within 30 days prior to Commercial Heifer Sale Information Form turn-in date, which is February 25th.** (*see attached form*) **Note: Please use two forms. One to keep for record book, and one to turn in.**
16. Commercial Heifer check-in will be Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. at Cuero Livestock Commission Co.
17. Exhibitors will be responsible for seeing that their heifers are fed and watered appropriately during the duration of the time they are at the Cuero Livestock Commission Company. No signs identifying the exhibitor, shall be displayed on the heifer pens, until after live judging has taken place.
18. Live Judging will be from 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 2nd. Each pen of heifers will receive a Blue or White Ribbon as determined by the judge. White Ribbon pens will not be eligible to sell in the auction. 1st and 2nd place pens in each Class will receive rosettes and there will be a Grand and Reserve Champion Pen selected overall which will receive banners.
19. No single heifer pens will be allowed. No pens of an open heifer with a bred heifer will be allowed. No pens of an open heifer with a cow/calf pair will be allowed. If a bred heifer is with a cow/calf pair, it must be bred in the last trimester.
20. All heifers, except for white ribbon pens, must sell on Sunday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM. The Auction Sale will take place at Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building. The bill of sale will be handled by the Cuero Livestock Show Board. All heifers must sell through the commercial heifer sale. There will be no PO's.
21. Heifers will be sold as the Committee sees fit to benefit the exhibitor and buyer. For example: A pen of heifers may be split and sold separately if a cow/calf pair is in a pen with a bred heifer.
22. A 6% sales commission will be deducted from each pen that sells.
23. All heifers will be released to buyer immediately following the Sale.
24. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Cuero Livestock Show Board.
25. All exhibitors who sell must write thank you letters to their buyers and submit a copy of the Thank You letter to Ag-Science Teachers, County Agents, or Commercial Heifer Committee members, within seven days after the sale and prior to receiving their premium check.

26. There will be no harassment of the judges, committee or show board members prior to, during, or after the show. Judges will give reasons for their placing, and this will be considered adequate explanation of his/her placing.
27. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of DeWitt County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rule pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will have their entire family banned, for a period of one year to lifetime, from exhibition in this show, at the Cuero Livestock Show Board's discretion.

28. Heifer Ages and Classes:

Heifers must be between 15 months and 30 months of age at show time (March 2, 2025). That means that heifers must be born no earlier than September 2, 2022, and no later than December 2, 2023.

Class I – Open Class: Heifers must palpate as open

Class II – Bred Class: Heifers must palpate safe in calf

Class III – Pairs Class: Heifers must have calf at side (see exception below)

Notes:

- All heifers 24 months of age or older at show time, must palpate safe in calf or have calf at side.
- No single heifer pens will be allowed. No pens of an open heifer with a bred heifer will be allowed. No pens of an open heifer with a cow/calf pair will be allowed. If a bred heifer is with a cow/calf pair, it must be bred in the 3rd trimester and the pen will be classed up to the higher class (Class III).
- All heifers must be palpated. Palpation will be the only allowed method of determining pregnancy status (See Rule #15).
- Class winners will compete for overall Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion has been selected, the 2nd place pen from the class that the Grand Champion came out of, and the remaining two class winners, will compete for Reserve Champion.

29. Live Judging/Placing Guidelines and Selection

Heifers will be judged by a panel of judges using the following characteristics:

The judging panel's placing will be final.

- a. Quality, Conformation and Condition
- b. Breeding Status per Day of Age
- c. Structural Soundness
- d. Frame Size (for Age)
- e. Reproduction Soundness
- f. Area Adaptability
- g. Uniformity
- h. Temperament

30. **Record Book (MANDATORY)**

If heifer pens are disqualified for any of the reasons stated in these rules, the exhibitor will also be disqualified from record book judging.

It is **mandatory** that Exhibitors complete a record book on their commercial heifer project. The record book will not affect the placing or live judging of the pen of heifers. The record book forms (*see attachments*) and entry cards (white) can be picked up from the County Extension Office or from the Ag Science Teachers. The entry cards are due on January 31, 2025, by 5:00 pm with all other Cuero Livestock Show entry cards. **Record book turn-in will be at Extension office or CHS Ag Building by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 28, 2025. If an exhibitor misses record book turn-in, the heifer pen will be disqualified (no exceptions).** Record Books will be judged sometime between 2-28-25 and 3-6-25 and scored by the following point system.

Three-ring binders and dividers will be issued by Cuero Livestock Show and will be the only record book format accepted. All three-ring binders and dividers will be the same size and color. NO scrapbooking is allowed, meaning no stickers, ribbons, etc., or embellishments of any kind. No colored ink added to pages. Colored ink is only allowed on the cover page and the photo pages. Child's name, 4-H club/FFA chapter, heifer class, and child's age division (Jr. or Sr.) needs to be placed on the cover of the record book.

Judging of Record Books

1. Neatness & Completeness 5 – 25 pts.
(Name; Age; Signatures; Ear tag numbers; Animals birthdate(s) month & year; Sex and color description of animals; etc.)
2. Record Keeping 5 – 25 pts.
(Expenses Incurred (animal cost, feed, etc.); Breeding Information; Breeder Statements; Health Certificates; Receipts; Medication; Feeding; etc.)
3. Creativity 5 – 25 pts.
(Pictures; Stories relating to their animals; etc.)
4. Summary 5 – 25 pts.
(Overall Content of Project; etc.)

Premium monies will be awarded for the first place Record Book in the Junior and Senior Divisions. Premiums, provided by the Cuero Livestock Show, will be \$100 for each division.

31. **Oral Interview (OPTIONAL)**

If heifer pens are disqualified for any of the reasons stated in these rules, the exhibitor will also be disqualified from interview judging. The oral interview is **optional**. Premiums will be awarded for the first-place interview in the Junior and Senior Divisions. Premiums, provided by the Cuero Livestock Show, will be \$100 for the Junior Division and \$200 for the Senior Division. The interviews will be scheduled on Thursday, March 6th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Time slots will be assigned by the Committee at 15-minute intervals.

32. Record Book and Oral Interview for Junior and Senior Divisions will be divided into the following divisions based on the **AGE AT THE DATE OF THE SHOW.**

JUNIOR DIVISION: 3rd – 8th Grade

SENIOR DIVISION: 9th – 12th Grade

Note: Add-on monies for the Live Judging portion of the Commercial Heifer Show will be distributed equally amongst all exhibitors, according to donor money available.

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW
COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW
BREEDING INFORMATION & VALIDATION SHEET
(1 Sheet per Heifer)

*** Due at Validation ***

Exhibitor Name: _____

Heifer Ear Tag (will be provided by CLS at validation): _____

Breed of Heifer: _____

Heifer Birth Date (**Month & Year – REQUIRED**): _____

County in which Heifer was Bred and Born: _____

Heifer Breeder Name: _____

Address: _____

Breed of Sire: _____

Breed of Dam: _____

Remarks: _____

Breeder Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Exhibitor Signature _____

Please Note: The breeder, exhibitor, and parent must sign this statement verifying that the breeding information on the heifers is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. This statement will be turned in on September 26 or September 28, 2024, at validation. Retain a copy for the Record Book.

DUPLICATE FORM AS NEEDED

Commercial Heifer Sale Information Form
Due in EXTENSION OFFICE by TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
NO EXCEPTIONS

EXAMPLE

Exhibitor Info	Tag #'s	Breed	Class/Age	Breeding Status
Exhibitor: Johnny Smith 4H/FFA: ABC 4-H Club Parents: John & Sue Smith	87 & 88	F1 Braford	Class III Pairs	Calves at side from low-birth-weight Angus bull.

PLEASE FILL OUT

Exhibitor Info	Tag #'s	Breed	Class/Age	Breeding Status

Notes:

- This form will also be attached to the commercial heifer entry card.
- This form cannot be filled out until veterinary inspection work is complete.
- Veterinary inspection must take place within 30 days prior to this form being turned in (January 25 – February 25).
- This form is important, as this information is what will be printed in the commercial heifer sale catalog.
- Please use two forms. One to keep for your record book, and one to turn in.

Cuero Livestock Show – Commercial Heifer Show and Sale Veterinary Test Record Form

Name of Exhibitor(s): _____

Date Issued: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ ZIP Code _____

****Please Maintain A Copy For Your Records****

Phone #: _____

	CLS Tag #	Brucellosis Vaccination or Permanent Identification		Description/Breed	Age/DOB	Pregnancy Status	*Pairs Only* Sex of Calf	*Pairs Only* Age/DOB of Calf
		Tag #	Tattoo					
1								
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Veterinarian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Vet Code: _____

City & State: _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone #: _____

2025 CUERO LIVESTOCK SHOW
COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW
“PEN-OF-TWO” HEIFERS
RECORD BOOK

OUTLINE

- I 2025 Commercial Heifer Record Book Information Sheet

- II Introduction
 - a. Date of purchase
 - b. Breed of heifer and the standards used for that breed
 - c. Heifer ID numbers
 - d. Birthdate of each heifer (month and year)
 - e. Bangs Tattoo

- III Expenses Incurred
 - a. Price of each heifer
 - b. Feed and hay (cost and content)
 - c. Veterinary bills
 - d. Other expenses

- IV Breeding (Attach Health Papers)
 - a. Breeding Status (Open, Exposed, Bred, Pairs)
 - b. Sire
 - 1. Breed
 - 2. Criteria for selection

- V Summary (Maximum of 6 combined pages)
 - a. Story
 - b. Pictures

2025 COMMERCIAL HEIFER RECORD BOOK

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____
Street name/route/box

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____

Exhibitor Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Age Division (Junior or Senior): _____

Junior Division: 3rd – 8th Grade
Senior Division: 9th – 12th Grade

Exhibitor Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

CEA/AST Signature _____

INTRODUCTION

Date of Purchase: _____

Breed of Heifers: _____

Breed Standards & Description: _____

Heifer #1 ID	Date of Birth	Brucellosis Tattoo
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Heifer #2 ID	Date of Birth	Brucellosis Tattoo
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EXPENSES INCURRED

1. Initial value of heifers (price per head X 2 head) \$ _____
2. Pasture rent \$ _____
3. Cost of feed \$ _____
4. Cost of hay \$ _____
5. Veterinary expenses \$ _____
6. Other expenses \$ _____
7. Cost of raising heifers (add lines 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6) \$ _____
8. Total expenses (add lines 1 & 7) \$ _____
9. Break-Even price per head (line 8 ÷ 2 head) \$ _____

BREEDING INFORMATION

(Attach Health Papers)

I Open (not Exposed):

Tag # _____ Tag # _____

II Exposed (palpated as Open):

Tag # _____ Tag # _____

Days Exposed: _____

Breed of Sire Exposed to: _____

III Bred:

Tag # _____ Tag # _____

Pregnancy Status: _____

Breed of Sire: _____

IV Pairs:

Tag # _____ Tag # _____

Age of Calves: _____

Breed of Sire: _____

Reason for selection of sire:

**2025
CLS**

**HORSE
SHOW
RULES**

HORSE SHOW

2024-2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Horse Show exhibitor and their family to familiarize themselves with all the general rules and regulations of the Show and all other rules in the classes and departments applicable to their project.

RULE 1 **INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES:**

This Show reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order.

RULE 2 **LIABILITY:**

This Show will in no case be responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by an exhibitor or arising out of or in any way connected with the exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited. Any person, by exhibiting in the Show, acknowledges liability for the above.

RULE 3 **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Cuero Livestock Show Horse Show is open to exhibitors who are:

- 1) Members of a DeWitt County 4-H Club and members of a DeWitt County Horse Project Group and abide by each organization's guidelines.
- **2) Members of a 4-H Club from a surrounding county that does not have a County Horse Show, i.e. Goliad, Karnes, Gonzales, Lavaca or Victoria and members of a DeWitt County 4-H Horse Project Group, and abide by each organization's guidelines.
- 3) Members of a DeWitt County FFA Chapter (Cuero, Yorktown, Yoakum, Nordheim).
- 4) Junior Participants 3rd – 8th grade
Senior Participants 9th – 12th grade

**Participants who live outside of DeWitt County and attend a school outside of DeWitt County are only eligible to participate in the Horse Show and are not eligible to show or sell an animal in the Cuero Livestock Show.

NO PASS, NO SHOW: If an exhibitor is academically ineligible to participate as determined by the school, that exhibitor and their animal project(s) are not eligible to participate in the Cuero Livestock Show Horse Show, regardless of UIL's ruling on extracurricular activities falling on school holidays. (*Example: Spring Break*)

2025
HOMEMAKING
&
PROJECT
SHOW
RULES

CUERO STOCK SHOW HOMEMAKING and PROJECT SHOW

RULES AND CLASSES

If you plan to have an entry or entries, you must complete the entry form and mail or bring it to the DeWitt County Extension Office at 115 North Gonzales, Ste. E, Cuero, Texas 77954 along with the entry fee. The Homemaking and Project Show entry fee will be **\$15.00**. You may also take it to your FCCLA or Ag Science Teacher at school for them to turn into the DeWitt County Extension Office:

NO LATER THAN

5:00 P.M. on FEBRUARY 14, 2025

The entry fee will be \$20 after February 14th.

NO PASS, NO SHOW:

If an exhibitor is academically ineligible to participate as determined by the school, that exhibitor and their project(s) are not eligible to participate in the Cuero HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show, regardless of UIL's ruling on extracurricular activities falling on school holidays. We will also follow each school's guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and virtual learning.

CHECK IN for HOMEMAKING AND PROJECT SHOW

PROJECT SHOW CHECK-IN:

All Projects for the Project Section of the Homemaking Show will be **CHECKED IN on MONDAY, March 3, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** at the Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building.

HOMEMAKING SHOW CHECK-IN:

All Food items for the Homemaking Show will be **CHECKED IN on TUESDAY, March 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** at the Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building.

EXHIBITOR CARDS:

Exhibitor Card(s) need to be picked up from the Extension Office, FFA or FCCLA Teacher. Please fill out exhibitor card(s) with Category and Section and attach it to the side of your item prior to arriving at check in. You will be assigned an Exhibitor Number at Check-In to put on your card. No names will go on the Exhibitor Card for judging purposes.

**** NEW or EMPHASIZED RULES or CHANGES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ****

HOMEMAKING SHOW

Each exhibitor can enter only one item in each food category, except for those entering Preserved Foods. For example, you can only enter:

1 Pie, 1 Cake, 1 Cookie, 1 Decorated Cake, 1 Bread, 1 Candy, 1 Snack Mix and 1 What Have You entry.

Preserved Foods - you can enter one entry in each of the sections

For example, you could enter:

1 pickle, 1 jam, 1 relish, Dry Product, etc. (Make sure to look at all categories this year.)

**** Preserved Foods may be checked in with the projects on Monday evening.**

You MUST attach the recipe card to all Food Items. The size of the card can be no larger than 5x8 in.

PROJECT SHOW (ALL NON-FOOD ITEMS)

You can enter as many classes as desired. If a class has sections A, B, & C, you can enter all 3 sections.

The directions to your project show entry MUST be with your project upon delivery of the item at check-in.

Write down any information that will help the judge understand the process you went through in making your project. (**Example:** *On this leather project I cut out the billfold pattern on a scrap of leather. I engraved the leaf designs with a hammer and punch. I stained the leather and laced up the edges with a needle and leather rope.*)

RULES

1. The exhibitor must be an enrolled and an eligible member of a DeWitt County FCCLA or FFA Chapter, FCS or Agriculture class or a DeWitt 4-H Club member.
2. The entire entry must be the work of the individual and be a quality product.
3. A 4-H'er, FCCLA or FFA member can **Auction** baked goods or crafts in only one HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show in DeWitt or an adjoining county.
4. A **Grand Champion** Homemaking or Project Show item exhibited in the Cuero HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show can only be exhibited **ONE TIME** by the individual who won with that item.
5. ALL Entries must have been made since February 27, 2024, last year's HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show date.
6. *Gold (1st), Silver (2nd), blue, red, or white ribbons will be given to the items judged as deserving by the judges. Disqualified items, as deemed by the judges and approved by the committee, will not receive a ribbon, and WILL NOT BE SOLD.* The individual will be contacted by the committee.
7. Entries in the classes of each division will be placed according to a panel of judges. In the category from which the Grand Champion item is selected, if a Silver is given, the Silver item will be moved up to be considered in the running for the Reserve Champion item in that Category, along with the remaining Gold ribbon items in that Category.

Example: Grand Champion Pie is selected from the Pecan Pie section, the Silver from this section will now be moved up to compete against the Fruit and Other Pie section Gold ribbon items for the Reserve Champion Pie.
8. SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY: A Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions to the participants who earn the most points in their age division. The point system is based on the number of ribbons earned on the member's total entries in the Homemaking, Project, Photography, and Ag Mechanic Shows. In the case of a tie, the judges will select the recipient based on the quality of exhibits. The Sweepstakes winners will be announced as soon as tabulated.
9. "BEST OF SHOW": Best of Show trophies will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior exhibitors whose item in the Homemaking or Project Show caught the eye of our "Special Guest" judges.
10. "Intended" Homemaking and Project Show entry or entries must be checked on the entry form to be eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve. Any item(s) brought in that were NOT checked on the Entry Form (ie. Cake, Cookie, Candy, Family Life, Home Accessories item, etc.) will be accepted, but will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. They will be eligible to receive a gold ribbon, but the silver ribbon in that category will be the item to compete for Grand or Reserve.
11. Entry forms received after February 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. will be accepted with a late entry fee of \$20, but they will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
12. All PROJECT SHOW items not checked in on Monday that are brought in on Tuesday morning during the HOMEMAKING SHOW Check-in, **will be accepted**, but **will not be eligible to compete** for Grand or Reserve Champion.

13. Judging will be held Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. The exhibits **WILL NOT** be open for public viewing until approximately 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. At this time the Food/Baked items will go on sale until 8:00 p.m. and then again from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th.

**** Buyers will NOT be able to take their items home when purchased. Items will be released and must be picked up on Wednesday evening between 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

14. All PROJECTS will be left for viewing through Thursday at Noon. Items must be picked up between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Items not picked up will be placed outside the building. If you cannot get there during this time, plan for someone to pick up your project.

15. **Exhibitor Cards** will be provided for each entry. **DO NOT write the Exhibitor's name on these or the recipe or project directions card. These cards must be filled out completely, minus the Exhibitor number, and attached to the project prior to arriving at check-in. Item will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve if recipe/directions are not included.** Exhibitor's will be assigned an Exhibitor Number for judging purposes and will be given this number at check-in.

The ages of the divisions are as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION	3rd Grade thru 5th Grade
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION	6th Grade thru 8th Grade
SENIOR DIVISION	9th Grade thru 12th Grade

16. **Homemaking Items Recipe Card**

Include the following on an index card that is typed or neatly written **(no larger than 5x8)**.

Example: Type the "Name of the Recipe" and then type/write complete recipe and directions.

If item is a Pie, ***Pie Crust recipe must be attached or included on recipe card as well.***

Tape this card with recipe/directions side up, on the side of product so product is visible from top.

17. **Project Item Direction Card**

Directions **MUST** be attached to the item. A simple explanation must be neatly typed or handwritten on a note card to explain the process and motivation or inspiration behind the project you made. Let the judges know how you did it and what you learned. **(no larger than 5x8)**

18. **Food/Baked Item Containers:**

Food/Bake Show items must all be displayed in a Clear Plastic Container with the black bottom, except for Decorated Cakes. Cardboard or paper doilies can be used under an item before it is placed on the base. **Items can be baked in glass containers if necessary but still must fit in the approved container.** This container allows the product to be seen from all sides and keeps it tightly covered for freshness. The Extension Office will have the appropriate sizes available for sale. **Containers not purchased from the Extension Office MUST be pre-approved by the Extension Office, a week before the show. Items not brought in approved containers will not be eligible for gold status.**

19. **Food Safety:**

For Food Safety purposes, all food must be prepared and baked thoroughly. Food must be able to be kept at a safe room temperature, ie. **must not require refrigeration. This includes Cream Cheese icings that are not cooked and Meringue Pies.**

Preserved foods must be processed according to an approved preservation process. Directions must be included with product.

20. **Ribbons Awarded**
Judges will award a Gold Ribbon to the top-quality product in each Age Division of each SECTION. Gold Ribbons will receive additional monies. A Silver Sticker Award will be given to the 2nd best entry, in each of the sections as deemed deserving by the judges.
- The judges also have the discretion to disqualify an entry due to undesirable qualities and these items will not receive a ribbon and therefore will not sell.*
21. **Premium Money for Homemaking & Project Show:**
HOMEMAKING:
Only Gold Ribbon and Reserve Champion products in the Homemaking Show will receive premium money. It will be mandatory that all food items will be for sale to the public unless they are awarded a White ribbon. Preserved Food Division Grand and Reserve winners will receive premium money but WILL NOT be for sale to the public.
- PROJECT SHOW:**
Grand and Reserve Project entries will also be awarded premium monies. Premium money will be given to the Grand and Reserve Project Show winners, in each of the Classes. This includes Photography Grand and Reserve winners. The Project entries **WILL NOT** be sold to the public and must be taken home between noon and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th.
22. **Grand Champion Food/Baked Items:** All Grand Champion items will sell twice! What does that mean? Your Grand Champion Food/Baked item will go on sale with all other items beginning Tuesday evening during the Homemaking Show. You will have to **RE-MAKE** your Grand Champion item on Thursday or Friday to sell during the Live Auction on Friday night. Yes, that means you must make it twice, but that also means you will get paid twice for your item. You can put your item in any type of container for Auction night.
23. If an exhibitor exhibits more than one Grand Champion item, they will be eligible to sell all their Grand Champion products in the Auction on Friday night. **The Exhibitor will receive a maximum of \$500.00 auction money per item they sell. Any amount over \$500.00 will go to the Cuero Livestock Show Building Fund. (example: If exhibitor sells a pie for \$300.00, that will be the amount the exhibitor receives and no funds will go to the CLS Building Fund)**
24. Exhibitors must be present to sell their baked goods at the designated time. The only exceptions are accidents or illness, and the exhibitor must notify the Homemaking Division Advisor (FCH Agent), prior to Sale time and have a written doctor's excuse. The item can be presented for sale in the Auction by any 4-H or FFA member that had an entry in the Show.
25. Prices for the bake show items will be set by a committee appointed by the supervisor of the HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show. The exhibitor will receive money from the sale of baked items, less six (6) percent commission, which will go to the Cuero HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show Fund.
26. Exhibitors selling food/baked items will receive a check from the Cuero Livestock Show – Homemaking Division account. These checks are written during the show and will be distributed to the exhibitors in a large manilla envelope along with their judge's comment sheets. These checks **must be deposited by September 1st of the current year.** If these checks are not deposited by this date, are lost or damaged and need to be replaced, there will be a fee assessed to reissue and stop payment on the lost or damaged check.
27. **All Champion and Reserve Champion banners, rosettes and trophies will be displayed on the project during the show and will remain in possession of the Homemaking Committee until pictures are taken on Thursday at noon. Banner and Ribbons will be given to the exhibitors following the picture taking.**
28. **Champion Pictures will be taken at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 6nd at the Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building. All Grand and Reserve Champion recipients of Baked Items and Project Show entries must be present. Exhibitors should arrive 10 minutes before the 12:00 noon picture time.**

HOMEMAKING SHOW CLASSES

Food/Baked items must all be displayed in a Clear Plastic Container with the black bottoms. Cardboard or paper doilies can be used under item before it is placed on the base. This container also allows that product to be seen from all sides. **Sandwich** size baggies with a Cookie, Candy or Snack Mix must be respectively submitted for each of those categories for judging purposes. This will make it easier for the judges to taste these products without having to open the container.

**** NOT ALLOWED - UNCOOKED CREAM CHEESE ICING or MERINGUE PIES ****

* Exhibitors may enter one cake in the Cake category and a **separate** cake in the Decorated Cake category. *

Remember that someone will be buying your product, so please be mindful when plating your entry to be generous with your portions!

BREAD PRODUCTS

Entry must contain a loaf of bread or a minimum of 13 rolls or sweet rolls in the container. One will be used for judges tasting. Item must be made from scratch or can include a mix if the recipe is not just a straight mix, it would then be a Mixes Plus entry. ***if applicable, must include an extra roll/muffin for judging, that is placed in another container or baggie and attached to the entry.***

Sections: Yeast Breads or Dinner Rolls from scratch

Quick Breads/Muffins - no yeast from scratch (*Ex.: Pumpkin, Zucchini, Banana breads/muffins*)

Sweet Rolls/Breads – w/yeast from scratch (*Example: Cinnamon Rolls, Kolaches, Streudel*)

Mixes Plus (contains a mix, with or without yeast)

CANDY

Entry must contain a full recipe, or a **generous portion of the recipe**, to fill the clear container. ***Must include a sandwich size bag with piece of candy for judging, attached to the entry.***

Sections: Fudge Divinity Pralines Other

CAKES

Entry must be made of at least 75% cake. Cake must fit into one of the following sections and be placed into an approved container of appropriate size.

Sections:

Mixes Plus- basic cake mix to which a variety of extra ingredients are added.

(Not just a plain or straight box mix with one ingredient added.) Entries can be decorated but will be judged on taste alone.

Homemade Cake or Cake with Fat or Butter- Layer or loaf, can be un-iced if suitable to cake.

Pecans or coconut may be used in the icing. Entries can be decorated but will be judged on taste alone.

Cupcakes – Individual cupcakes, homemade or mixes plus. Entry must include a **minimum of 13 cupcakes**. Entries can be decorated individually but will be judged on taste alone.

COOKIES

Cookies must be baked and not in candy form. **Entry must contain a full recipe or a minimum of 24 cookies and put into an approved container.** If the recipe has a box mix in it, it will go in the Mixes Plus section. Bar Cookies must be cut.

Must include a sandwich size bag with an extra cookie for judging, attached to the entry.

Sections Shaped/Drop (*from scratch*) Bar (*from scratch*) Mixes Plus (*includes Shaped/Drop/Bar*)

DECORATED CAKE

A cake or grouping of cupcakes will be judged solely on decorations and will not be tasted. **The cake and decorations must be edible** and must be of your own creation. The cake can be made from a boxed cake mix with not additional ingredients. **On an index card(s) include:**

Description of techniques Supplies used in creating your cake Inspiration for your creation

Decorated Cakes will be in a Class of their own. The Champion Decorated Cakes in each Age Division will receive a "Best Decorated Cake" Trophy. They will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion Cake that will be sold in the auction, but they will be for sale to the public.

PIES

Pies must be baked in 8" or 9" pie plates and placed in an approved container. Pie must have a homemade pastry crust and crust recipe must be included along with the pie filling recipe, or it will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve. Pies requiring refrigeration will not be accepted. Small Individual pies or fried pies will go under the "What Have You" category.

Sections: **Fruit** **Pecan** **Other**

SNACK MIX

Entry should be at least the equivalent of a one-gallon baggie and put into an 8 in. round 5 in. tall, approved container. Entry must have a sandwich-size bag of the mix attached to the container, for judging.

Sections: **Salty** **Sweet** **Other** **Seasoned Pretzels**

WHAT HAVE YOU

Any Food/Baked item which does not fit into any other Food/Baked Good Category.

Examples would be: Fried Pies, Mini-Pies, Cobblers, Clafoutis, Baklava, Cannolis, Assorted Non-Refrigerated Pastries, Cake Balls, Macarons/Cookie "sandwiches", Whoopie Pies, etc.

If applicable, must include a sandwich size bag of item for judging attached to the container.

PRESERVED FOOD PRODUCTS

Section 1: Canned Fruits, Tomatoes and Vegetables (not Pickled)

Section 2: Canned Jellies

Section 3: Canned Jams and Fruit Butters

Section 4: Canned Marmalades/Preserves

Section 5: Pickled Vegetables (Includes Pickles)

Section 6: Canned Sauces (BBQ, Spaghetti and Tomato, etc.)

Section 7: Salsas

Section 8: Dried Products

Section 9: Other

Exhibitors will receive premium money for Grand and Reserve Champion items but will not be for sale to the public. These products will be sent back home with Exhibitors and must be out of the building by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th.

All products must have been preserved within the last year/since the prior year's show date. The entry must be exhibited in a standard type quart, pint or 1/2 pint canning jar. Standard canning jars are those with the brand name tempered on the side. Canned fruits and vegetables must be in quart or pint canning jars. Jams, jellies, preserves, and marmalades must be in pint or 1/2 pint canning jars.

PRESERVED FOOD PRODUCTS (CONT.)

Jars must be clean, sealed, un-chipped, and have good, rust-free lids and rings. Mayonnaise, decorative, commercial pickles, or odd-shaped jars will not be acceptable. Entries must maintain their seal. Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.

Jars should not be covered with cloth or doilies over the lid. The judge will loosen the band to check under it for cleanliness and seal. Removing the band also allows the judge to see that there is a proper amount of headspace in the jar. Points will be deducted for rusty, dented, or corroded lids.

Entries not meeting these standards will be disqualified by the department chairman before judging.

Entries must be labeled with the name of the food and the date preserved. The method of food preservation must be included on the recipe index card.

Examples: Peaches – July 1, 2021 (on label)

Recipe to include: hot pack, boiling water canner for 20 minutes.

Spaghetti Sauce – July 1, 2021 (on label)

Recipe to include: hot pack, pressure canner, 11 pounds pressure for 45 minutes.

Recommended Headspace allowances are as follows:

¼ inch for jams and jellies

¼ inch for fruit juices or purees

½ inch for other fruit products, pickles, and tomatoes processed in a water bath

1 inch for Vegetables processed in a pressure canner

1 inch for USDA fruit pie fillings

Non-Pickled Fruits and Vegetables will be judged on appearance, size and shape, pack, texture, color, liquid, and container.

Sauces, Jellies, and Preserves will be judged on clarity or clearness, color, pack, texture/consistency, and container.

Jams and Fruit Butters will be judged on color, pack, consistency, and container.

Pickled Vegetables will be judged on size and shape, pack, texture, color, liquid, and container.

Dried foods will be judged on color, size and shape, texture, and container. Containers would be glass jars with rust-free lids or heavy-weight plastic food-quality bags or containers.

Preserved Foods will NOT be opened or tasted. The recipe and canning or drying process must be included and attached to the jar or container along with the Exhibitor Card.

PROJECT SHOW CLASSES AND DESCRIPTIONS

The Grand and Reserve winners in each of the Project Show Classes will receive premium money but will not be for sale to the public. These projects will be taken home by Exhibitors. All projects must be out of the building by 6:00 pm on Thursday. Items not removed from the building by this time will be set outside. The Committee will not be held responsible for any items left, damaged or stolen after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Directions for each project must be included for each item entered, or the item will not be eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve. The directions can be very simple but need to give the judge an idea of how you made it and what was your inspiration or motivation to make this project.

Class - Family Life Education

This Educational Exhibit consists of educational information about the selected topic.

It could be a display that includes artifacts, documents, photographs, samples, or models that depict the topic of the entry. **Maximum Poster or Board size is 3ft. x 4ft. or Standard tri-fold poster display board or Project entry size.**

- Section A Genealogy (family tree, genealogy project)
- Section B Children's Activities (toys, games, books, teaching aids)
- Section C Craft or Costume from Ethnic Background (German, Scottish, French, Spanish, etc.)
- Section D Other (any entry which does not fit in the above categories)

Class - Health Education (examples are reports, kits, posters, and pamphlet displays)

Maximum Poster or Board size is 3ft. x 4ft. or Standard tri-fold poster display board.

- Section A Topics related to an individual's lifestyle and how it affects their health.

Examples are:

Importance of Physical Fitness; Need for Immunizations; Smoking and Respiratory Problems; Alcohol Abuse; Drug Abuse; Proper Use of Medicines; How Parts of The Body Function; Tips on Keeping a Family or Individual Medical Record: Importance of Proper Brushing and Flossing of Teeth.

- Section B Topics related to skills necessary for proper action in an emergency.

Examples are:

What to Do in Case of a Slight Burn, A Bad Sunburn, Chemical Burn, Or an Electrical Burn; How to Help Someone Who Is Choking; How to Give Mouth-To-Mouth Resuscitation; How to Help A Person Who Has Fallen; What to Do If You Come Upon an Accident on A Highway; How to Care for A Cut or Abrasion to Avoid Infection; What to Do for A Snake Bite; First Aid Kit for The Home, Car or Boat; What to Do for A Snake Bite; First Aid Kit for The Home, Car or Boat; Steps to Take in Case of Accidental Poisoning; Procedure to Follow in Case of Flood, Tornado, Hurricane, or Other Natural Disaster

- Section C Topics related to prevention or early detection of health problems.

Examples are:

Signs of Vision Problems in Young Children; Signs of Heart Attack or Stroke; Cancer's Seven Warning Signals; Importance of Checking Blood Pressure; Signs of Hearing Problems; Cancer-Fighting Foods; Breaking a Bad Habit or Developing a Good Habit

Class - Home Accessories

An item or items listed below for the home that are regarded as useful but not essential. An accessory may be functional, or it may be decorative and serve merely to enhance the appearance of the home. Original it is an item that was created and completed without a kit. Non-original is an item created and completed with a kit. Examples are below:

Macramé, Crochet, Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch, Candle-Wicking, Weaving, Latch Hook, Machine Sewing, Applique, Machine Embroidery, Clay, Pottery, Ceramics, Stained Glass, Glass Etching, Sand Pictures, Wreaths, Candles, Baskets and Carving. **Metal and Painted Wood Projects that do not fit into the Agriculture Mechanics Project Show Section C will be entered into this Class.**

Section A	Original Decorative Accessory
Section B	Original Functional Accessory
Section C	Non-Original Decorative Accessory
Section D	Non-Original Functional Accessory

Class - Horticulture

Section A	Exhibit showing the growth cycle of a plant using actual plants or seeds. (i.e., flowers, herbs, fruits, shrubs, and garden vegetables). Items must be labeled explaining the stages of the exhibit.
Section B	A decorative plant exhibit with information about the plant and its care. (i.e., a potted plant containing one or more complimentary plants that could be used to decorate a home or office).
Section C	Research project related to the Horticulture subject area.

Class – Leather Craft

Tooled or carved leather items of commercial value. May be made from pre-cut leather in a kit, but all tooling, carving, dyeing, lacing, and finishing must be done by the exhibitor. Directions need to be included on an index card alongside the Exhibitor Card.

Class - Model Assembly Division

Items have a **Maximum Display size of 2ft. x 3 ft.** Signs will be posted for observers not to touch or handle the items. The **HOMEMAKING & PROJECT** Committee cannot always supervise the items, so if there is a cover for your entry, it should be used. If directions are available, bring them to display with the project. Write a simple set of directions to go with your entry, that has the inspiration or motivation behind your project. Tell the judges what inspired you to make your project and how long it took you to make, etc.

Section A	Legos/Kinex
Section B	Models – Cars, Trucks, Airplanes, etc.
Section C	Other Construction – 3-D Puzzles, Assembled Dolls & Other Model Kits

Class - Paintings and Drawings

Includes Oil Paintings, Watercolor, Ink, Color Pencils, or Charcoal Drawings.

Section A	Original Artwork (No picture, created by visual sighting/memory)
Section B	Non-Original (A kit was used – Paint by number, etc.)
Section C	Free Hand Drawing (Re-creation of a picture or object and picture must be included.)

Class - Personal Accessories

An item (or set of items) worn or carried that is functional and/or decorative and enhances the total appearance of the individual. i.e. -belts, embellished T-Shirts, jewelry
Instructions must be included. If a pattern was used, please include it as well.

- Section A Machine or Hand Sewn Item (any clothing item that is machine or hand sewn)
- Section B Embellished T-Shirts (adding to a piece of clothing that is not handmade)
- Section C Jewelry
- Section D Other Personal Accessories

Class - Poster Art Program

The artwork must be an original work by the participant. No collaborative work, photocopies or use of copyrighted material is NOT permitted. Posters must be 2D and no larger than 24" x 36". Each poster is evaluated on originality, adherence to theme, artistic ability, and overall effect. Poster Art may be any medium-- watercolor, crayon, ink, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage - but *not three-dimensional*. Theme titles may be shown on posters. Remember the goal is to create an eye-catching and easy-to-understand poster.

- Section A Theme #1 -To promote 4-H, FFA or FCCLA
- Section B Theme #2 - Open Class; create a poster and a theme to go with it.

Class – Quilting

Quilted item complete with stitching. **Entries must be a complete quilt** and either machine quilted or stitched by hand by exhibitor. A set of directions, inspiration, etc. must be included.

- Section A Hand Quilted (Completed item and must be at least 50% hand quilted)
- Section B Machine Quilted (Completed item)

Class - Veterinary Science

- Section A A project aimed at preparing and mounting the skeleton of a small animal
- Section B A series of preserved organs from one or more different animal species
- Section C A research project related to the Veterinary Science subject area.

Cuero Livestock Show – HOMEMAKING & PROJECT SHOW Division
Entry Form
March 2–6, 2025

For Office Use Only	
Paid: _____	Date: _____
Exhibitor ID: _____	

Return No Later than 5:00 p.m. February 14, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

4-H Club: _____ FCCLA/FCS Student: _____ or FFA Chapter: _____
(Please include your 4-H Club Name) (Please check one of these if not in 4-H)

Junior: _____ (3-5 Grade) Intermediate: _____ (6-8 grade) Senior: _____ (9-12 Grade)

<p>HOMEMAKING DIVISION</p> <p>Check Category ONLY. Office staff will highlight the section you enter upon checking in your product.</p> <p><u>Category/Section</u></p> <p>Bread Products _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Yeast Breads or Dinner Rolls _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Quick Breads/Muffins (No Yeast) _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sweet Rolls/Breads (With Yeast) _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mixes Plus _____</p> <p>Candy _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Fudge _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pralines _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Divinity _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other _____</p> <p>Cakes _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mixes Plus _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Homemade Cake _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Cup Cakes _____</p> <p>Cookies _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Shaped/Drop (<i>from scratch</i>) _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bar (<i>from scratch</i>) _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mixes Plus (<i>includes shaped/drop/bar</i>) _____</p> <p>Decorated Cake _____</p> <p>Pies _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Fruit _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pecan _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other _____</p> <p>Snack Mix _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Salt _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sweet _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Seasoned Pretzels _____</p> <p>What Have You _____</p> <p>Preserved Foods _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canned Fruits, Tomatoes and Vegetables (not pickled) 2. Canned Jellies 3. Canned Jams and Fruit Butters 4. Canned Marmalades/Preserves 5. Pickled Vegetables 6. Sauces 7. Salsas 8. Dried Foods 9. Other 	<p>PROJECT SHOW</p> <p>Class FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C Section D</p> <p>Class HEALTH EDUCATION _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C</p> <p>Class HOME ACCESSORIES _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C Section D</p> <p>Class HORTICULTURE _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C</p> <p>Class LEATHER CRAFT _____</p> <p>Class MODEL ASSEMBLY _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C</p> <p>Class PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C</p> <p>Class PERSONAL ACCESSORIES _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C Section D</p> <p>Class POSTER ART PROGRAM _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B</p> <p>Class QUILTING _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A (Hand Quilted) Section B (Machine Quilted)</p> <p>Class VETERINARY SCIENCE _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Section A Section B Section C</p>
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Clower Kid's Project Show

Category Rules and Guidelines

The child must be a registered DeWitt County 4-H Clower Kid and registered on or before December 1, 2024. They must be in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. For this first year, we will start with the following three classes that they can enter in the Cuero Homemaking and Project Show. They can enter each class, and each section of each class if they wish to. Meaning they can enter Section A, B, C, etc. of each Class, having a total of eight entries. Each entry will have an exhibitor card attached to it. The child's name will be concealed for judging purposes but will have a label put on the exhibitor card with the child's name along with a ribbon, following the judging. They must also include a simple set of directions to go with your entry on a 5x8, or smaller index card. This should tell the judges your inspiration or motivation behind your project. Tell the judges what inspired you to make your project and how long it took you to make it, etc.

Entry Fee: The entry fee will be \$5.00 per child, no matter how many entries he/she enters.

Entry Deadline: February 14, 2024

Class - Model Assembly Division

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Section A Legos/Kinex

Section B Models – Cars, Trucks, Airplanes, etc.

Section C Other Construction – 3-D Puzzles, Assembled Dolls & Other Model Kits

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Includes Oil Paintings, Watercolor, Ink, Color Pencils, or Charcoal Drawings.

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Section A Theme #1 -To promote 4-H, FFA or FCCLA

Section B Theme #2 - Open Class; create a poster and a theme to go with it.

Cuero Livestock Show – **CLOVER KID** PROJECT SHOW Division
Entry Form - \$5.00 fee
March 2–6, 2025

Return No Later than 5:00 p.m. February 14, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

4-H Club: _____
(Please include your 4-H Club Name)

Class: MODEL ASSEMBLY _____

Section A Section B Section C

Class: PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS _____

Section A Section B Section C

Class: POSTER ART PROGRAM _____

Section A Section B

PHOTOGRAPHY

ENTRY DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 3, 2025 CONTEST will be FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Photographs must be matted and turned into the Extension Office on or before

The Photography Contest will be conducted using the District 11 & State 4-H Photography Guidelines and will serve as the DeWitt County 4-H qualifying contest for District competition. Once available, the full set of State 4-H Photography Guidelines will be posted at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/> The “Theme” and Categories will also be announced in these guidelines. We will also send them out as soon as they are ready, or you can come by the Extension Office to pick a set up. For this reason, the Cuero **HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show** Photography entries will be turned in on a separate Entry Form. *There are NOT different classes for color photos and black & white photos. All photos from the same category will be judged together in each age division.*

Photographs must be in the form of 8x10 prints or enlargements and taken between the previous year stock show and this year stock show dates. **HOMEMAKING & PROJECT Show** Officials have the right to place photographs into a different category if they see fit. **County 4-H Junior and Intermediate winners will advance to District in mid-March and Senior 4-H Winners will advance to State Competition in April. All photographs advancing to District and State will be entered On-Line electronically on the 4-H Website. The County Extension Office will let those know who will be advancing and what deadlines they need to meet for entry purposes.**

MATTING:

Photos must be 8x10 in size and must be matted to 11” x 14”. These mattes are available in Black or White and are available for purchase from the Extension Office for \$2.00. They can also be purchased from Amazon, Hobby Lobby or Michaels. These mattes have a backing and come with a sleeve, which makes for easy transport, so photos don’t get messed up in travel. We will purchase these in bulk so the cost will not be as much if you were to purchase them on your own. This will allow for ribbons to be attached without messing up the photo and will help to eliminate any creases put in photos when they are hung for display.

FOR A FULL SET OF RULES AND GUIDELINES AND DESCRIPTIVE COLOR EXAMPLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.



2025
AGRICULTURE
MECHANICS
PROJECT
SHOW
RULES

CUERO PROJECT SHOW - AG MECHANICS DIVISION

Purpose of the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

- To provide an opportunity for 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs and/or at home under the supervision of an agriculture science teacher or county extension agent.
- To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
- To recognize individual and group accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.
- To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H, FFA and FCCLA Youth Programs.

Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

1. **Entry Fees:** Fee will be \$30.00 per entry and due on February 14, 2025. Entry may consist of individual or a team project. Only one project entry per exhibitor.
2. **Eligible Entries:** Entries in this division are limited to DeWitt County FFA, 4-H, and FCCLA members. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA, 4-H or FCCLA members, either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science or as a part of their supervised work experience program.
3. **Ownership:** Projects may have been individually or group-constructed and may be individually or chapter/club owned.
4. **Group Entries:** Entries made in the name of FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs are not eligible. All projects must be entered in the names of the exhibitors who participated in planning and construction of the project.
5. **Ineligible Projects:** Any project that does not fit into one of the stated classes will be disqualified by the superintendent.
6. **Construction Date:** Projects must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date (March 2024 - February 2025).
7. **Project Check In:** All Ag Mechanics projects must be checked in at the Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building on Monday, March 3rd, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
8. **Project Presentation:** All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used. Trailers and all other equipment are to be displayed in transport position. Ramps, extension and operation of specific features may be demonstrated only as directed by the official judges and as space permits. **The contestants must be present at their project on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. to demonstrate their knowledge of the design, build, and financials of their project to the judges.**
9. **Presentation Material:** A record book type of presentation with an original (exhibitor produced) plan or drawing, a bill of materials, and photographs showing phases of construction and demonstration of safety practices are to be provided with all projects. Display of plans, photos, etc. must be done in

Presentation Material continued:

such a manner that additional floor space is required. Stands, podiums, computers, etc. will be permitted only when space is permitted and they can be positioned on, under, or in front of the project.

10. Project Safety: Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc., are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. All trailers and other equipment that will be operated and/ or transported on public roads are to be equipped with the safety equipment specified in Title 7, Vehicles and Traffic Transportation Code of Texas Statutes. All towed equipment, regardless of standards, is to be equipped with safety chains. All three-point hitch and P.T.O. operated equipment is to meet current ASAE standards and specifications.
11. Electrical Safety: All 120 VAC and higher electrical plugs and receptacles are to be the equipment grounding type. All metal components are to be grounded. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFIC) shall be provided for all 120 VAC receptacles. All 50 VAC and higher connections are to be protected in appropriate indoor or outdoor rated enclosures.
12. Projects with Engines: There is to be no more than two gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape. The battery is to be disconnected. This applies to all engines in the exhibit area.
13. Vehicles: Tractors, trucks, or other vehicles (including non- entered trailers) are not allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display. Projects that cannot be reasonably unloaded and placed in the exhibit area, may be left on transport trailers or vehicles, and located as close to the exhibit area as possible.
14. Signs: All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards. Exhibit cards and project judging cards should be attached in a visible location on the front of the project with clear carton sealing tape or zip tie.
15. Judging System: Projects will be judged on:

Workmanship	30
Design, Practicality, & Function	20
Documentation: Plans, Bill of Materials, Photos	20
Presentation Knowledge	10
Difficulty: size, scope, complexity, sophistication	10
Safety	10

Total 100

16. There will be an automatic 15-point deduction if exhibitor is a no-show. If for some reason the exhibitor cannot be present and has a committee approved "absence", a substitute exhibitor may be allowed to present the project at the exhibitor's request and a full judging point system will remain in effect.
17. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Projects will be selected from the Agriculture Mechanics New Construction and Agriculture Restoration Project entries. A second-place entry is eligible to compete for Reserve Champion overall, as deemed by the judges, if the first-place entry in that division is chosen as Grand Champion overall.

AGRICULTURE MECHANICS

Class: Ag Mechanics New Construction Division

Section A - AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Examples: Hay handling equipment, spraying equipment, mounted and pull- type tractor equipment, hydraulic equipment, truck, tractor and agriculture equipment accessories

Section B – SHOP EQUIPMENT

Examples: All shop tables (wood or metal), workbenches, welding tables, cutting tables, cut-off saw carts or tables, shop carts, or anything else that would be nonagricultural in nature is subject to be deemed shop equipment.

Section C - HOME AND RECREATIONAL USE

Examples: Bar-B-Q pits (towable and non-towable, fire pits/rings, picnic tables, greenhouses, birdhouses, machine or hand-cut signs, metal or wood crafts that don't fit under the Home Accessories Class, and other recreational and/or convenience-type projects.

Section D – LIVESTOCK & POULTRY EQUIPMENT

Examples: Gates and livestock panels, squeeze chutes and restraining equipment, trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock crates, head gates, creep feeders, chicken coops, cages, and nesting boxes.

Section E – WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT

Examples: Wildlife feeders, wildlife observation tower, crank-up feeders, self-feeders, cottonseed feeders, protein feeders, truck/atv wildlife feeder, or other projects that would be strictly for wildlife use. Excluding basic birdhouses or feeders.

Section F - TRAILER

Examples: utility trailers, non- traditional utility and implement trailers, multi- bale trailers, Gooseneck lowboy utility and implement trailers, Gooseneck flatbed utility and implement trailers, Gooseneck stock trailers, other trailers (welder trailers, dump trailers, special purpose, etc.). All trailers

Class: Ag Mechanics Restoration Division

Section A – TRACTORS

Examples: all tractors 1974 and older, yard tractors or riding lawn mowers are included. Tractor Serial Number must be included with Description on Entry Form

Section B - IMPLEMENTS

Examples: mowers, harvesting equipment, plowing equipment, discing equipment, planters, hauling equipment, horse-drawn equipment (buckboards, wagons, etc.) are also included in this division.

For Office Use Only

Paid: _____ Date: _____

Exhibitor ID: _____

**Cuero Livestock Show
Agriculture Mechanics Division
Entry Form**

Return No Later than 5:00 p.m. February 14, 2025

Entry Fee \$30

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

4-H Club: _____ FCCLA/FCS Student: _____ or FFA Chapter: _____

Junior: _____ (3-5 Grade)

Intermediate: _____ (6-8 grade)

Senior: _____ (9-12 Grade)

AGRICULTURE MECHANICS DIVISION

Check New Construction Category or Restoration Category Only.

(Office staff will highlight the Section you enter upon checking in your project).

New Construction Division: _____

Section A: Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

Section B: Shop Equipment

Section C: Home and Recreational Use

Section D: Livestock and Poultry Equipment

Section E: Wildlife Equipment

Section F: Trailer

Restoration Division: _____

Section A: Tractors

Section B: Implements