

McLennan County Livestock Newsletter

March 2024 Edition

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2024 State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2024 State Fair of Texas. Tag orders for sheep and goats will be due to the Extension office by **March 28th**. Tags will cost \$20 per tag and checks need to be made payable to McLennan County 4-H.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/>

Validation will be in June.

2024/25 Major Show Steer Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2024 & 2025 Major Show Season. Tags will be **\$30** each and are due to West FFA by **March 28th**. These Tags are good for all major shows & MCJLS (Fall 2024 & Spring 2025)

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2024/02/State-Steer-Validation-Form-2024.pdf>

Validation will be in June.

2024 Summer Major Show Heifer Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2024 Major Show Season. All heifers must be validated, unless you have already been tagged and no ownership or breed has changed. There are no carry over tags from last fall so if you need a tag for this summer you must order at this time to have tags in June. This year Tags will be **\$30** each and are due to the Extension office by **March 28th**

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2024/02/Heifer-tag-order-form-summer.pdf>

Validation will be in June.

2024 State Fair of Texas & HOT Swine Tags

It is time once again to start planning for the 2024 State Fair & Heart O' Texas Fair Gilt Show. Tag orders for these swine will be due to West FFA by **March 28th**. Tags will cost \$20 per tag and checks need to be made payable to West FFA.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/>

Validation will be in June.

2024-2025 McLennan County Validation Dates & Tag Orders

Steers

Major Tag orders due- March 28th
Major Validation- June
MCJLS only Validation- September 10th

Heifers

Summer Major Tag orders due- March 28th
Summer Major Validation- June
Fall Major Heifer Tag orders due- August 15th
Fall Major Heifer Validation- October

Sheep & Goat

State Fair Tag orders due- March 28th
State Fair Validation- June
Major Tag orders due- August 15th
Major Validation- October
MCJLS Validation- October

Swine

State Fair Tag orders due- March 28th
State Fair Validation- June
Major Tag orders due- September
Major Validation- November
MCJLS Validation- November

Broilers

State Fair orders due May 15th
Major orders due- August
MCJLS Orders due- October 1st

Turkeys

MCJLS Orders due May 1st
Major Show Orders Due May 15th

Rabbits

Show Entry Information

All tag order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/>

Scholarships



San Angelo Livestock Show Foundation Scholarship due March 10th .

To apply click link: <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/about/scholarship>



TEXAS FARM BUREAU

Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship due March 1st .

To apply click link: https://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/scholarship-apps/?utm_source=Social&utm_medium=Campaign&utm_campaign=Scholarships&utm_term=2024&fbclid=IwAR1ere4Gy4v23zFJN7_1KTGZffnZDuddOZ4DwX_OONIoNrMJiP16E1HjZv8



Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship due March 22nd

To apply click link:

https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=HOTFair&f=24_ScholarshipAppFillable.pdf

McLennan County 4-H Adult Leaders Scholarship due April 1st

To apply click link: <https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/scholarships/>

TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT. DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumer and farmers.

Through collegiate level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the livestock industry.



DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY LEADERS

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy

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TYLA 
TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE
PROVIDING THE BEST EDUCATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS

"The TYLA program has given me a second family. It has taught me invaluable life lessons while affording me opportunities that would not have been available outside of this program. From Amarillo, to Austin, to Aloha, to Australia, I am beyond grateful for all that this program has given to me." - Current Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

TO APPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE, STUDENTS MUST BE:

- Freshman-Senior (2024-2025 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the livestock and agriculture industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

2024 SHORT COURSE DATES

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 17-20
- Texas A&M University: July 15-18
- West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University: July 22-25

2024 PROGRAM FEES

\$350- Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course

**OUR MISSION IS TO PREPARE YOUTH TO SERVE THE
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY THROUGH ADVOCACY,
LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING.**

APPLY NOW

Applications available under the Livestock Ambassador tab on www.texasyouthlivestock.com
Applications open on February 15th
Applications close on April 15th

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TEXAS 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 24-27, 2024 ~ COLLEGE STATION, TX

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TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE
Empowering the Youth • Encouraging the Livestock • Enriching the Culture

“As a Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador, I could never have imagined how much the Ambassador Program would broaden my understanding and appreciation for the poultry industry, and it’s made my excitement for it so much greater than ever before”
-Current Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador



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- Freshman-Senior (2024-2025 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the livestock and agriculture industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

2024 SHORT COURSE DATE

Texas A&M University: June 24-27

2024 PROGRAM FEES

\$350- Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course

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TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 10-13, 2024 – LUBBOCK, TX

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Championing our youth • Engaging our industry • Defining our future.

"Embarking on a journey with TYLA was one of the best decisions of my life. Since my freshman year, I have grown significantly in knowledge, character, responsibility, problem-solving skills, communication, time management, leadership, and a continuing love for the agriculture industry and serving others."

-Current Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador



TO APPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE, STUDENTS MUST BE:

- Freshman-Senior (2024-2025 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the livestock and agriculture industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

2024 SHORT COURSE DATE

Texas Tech University: June 10-13

2024 PROGRAM FEES

\$350- Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course

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Applications open on February 15th
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Major Show Results

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

- **Breeding Heifers**
 - Duke Groschke- 6th place Angus
 - Keston Gerik- 6th place Red Angus
 - Kate Swain- 3rd place Shorthorn
 - Karsen Fuessel- 5th place Simmental
 - Makenna Makovy- 2nd place Simmental
 - Grady Reinke- 1st place Beefmaster
 - Aaron Perrine- 4th place Beefmaster
 - Aubrey Johnson- Reserve Division Champion Beefmaster
 - Lexi Huse- 1st place Charolais
 - Savannah Kelly- 5th place Charolais
 - Kallie Gordon- 6th place Charolais
 - Laken Schill- 5th place Charolais
 - Hayleigh Gerik- 4th place Charolais
 - Emma Caffey- 4th place Charolais
 - Finley Schill- 4th place Charolais
 - Paisley Groschke- 5th place Limousin
 - Elizabeth Caffey- 3rd place Maine
 - Kindra Matthys- 4th place Maine
 - Caiden Meurer- 2nd place Polled Hereford
- **Market Steers**
 - Caiden Meurer- 4th place Angus
 - Paisley Groschke- 2nd place Angus
- **Breeding Sheep**
 - Wyatt Jager- Champion White Dorper Ram
- **Breeding Gilts**
 - Audrey Barak- 3rd place Chester

San Angelo Livestock Show

- **Breeding Heifers**
 - Lexi Huse- 2nd & 4th place Charolais
 - Emma Caffey- 3rd place Charolais
 - Caleb Miller- 5th place ORB
- **Breeding Gilts**
 - Audrey Barak- 3rd place light OPB
- **Market Swine**
 - Eyzela King- 1st place Duroc
 - Kolt Austin- 8th place Light OPB

San Antonio Livestock Show

- **Breeding Heifers**
 - Duke Groschke- 5th place Angus
 - Makenna Makovy- 5th place Angus
 - Aubrey Johnson- 2nd place Beefmaster
 - Lexi Huse- Reserve Division Champion Charolais
 - Lynlee Gerik- 8th place Charolais
 - Savannah Kelly- 8th place Charolais
 - Kallie Gordon- 9th place Charolais
 - Jacob Fulp- 5th place Charolais
 - Hayleigh Gerik- 6th place Charolais
 - Emma Caffey- 2nd place Charolais
 - Audrey Barak- 5th place Charolais
 - Emma Hardin- 5th place Charolais
 - Paisley Groschke- 3rd place Limousin
 - Elizabeth Caffey- 9th place Maine Anjou
 - Emalee Amber- 10th place ORB
 - Emily Minchew- 7th place Polled Hereford
 - Keston Gerik- 2nd place Red Angus
 - Paytyn Welle- 8th place Red Brahman
- **Breeding Sheep**
 - Thalia Diaz- 2nd place Comm. Ewe
- **Market Swine**
 - Kenton Mabry- 6th place Crossbred
 - Jorgia Whitt- 6th place Hampshire
 - Landry Mabry- Reserve Champion Landrace
 - Kolt Austin- 9th place Landrace
 - Braylee Mann- 3rd place Yorkshire
 - Cathryn Birch- 7th place Yorkshire
- **Market Goat**
 - Emmalee Mutina- 7th place Goat
 - Clegg Bays- 7th place Goat
 - Brenlie Williams- 3rd place Goat
- **Market Sheep**
 - Raelynn Ward- 1st place Medium Wool
 - Bryce Petrich- 9th place Medium Wool
 - Kyleigh Nugent- 6th place Medium Wool
 - Madison Mutina- Champion Southdown
- **Market Steer**
 - Bailey Henderson- 1st place AOC

advice

FOR SELECTING YOUR NEXT SHOW HEIFER OR STEER

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You've decided you want to show a steer or heifer, and it is prime time to start the selection and purchase process for your new project. There are magazines nearly two inches thick promoting every show steer open house in the Midwest; and then you start looking at all the online sales. It is easy to become overwhelmed with so many options.

However, before you even start looking for that next show prospect, you need to consider three factors and have a plan in place. Jessica Judge, BioZyme® Inc., Marketing Brand Manager, grew up showing cattle across the country and earned the title of High Individual at the 2017 North American International Livestock Exposition Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest, representing Oklahoma State University. She offers these considerations:

- **Know your endpoint and end goal.** If you are showing a steer, it might be county or state fair you are targeting for. If it is a heifer, it might be a similar show scenario, or you might have different goals for her, different places to show like a breed junior national and breeding goals. Know why you are ultimately purchasing your animal and you will have a better direction on size, age, breed and other specifics to look for.
- **Know your budget.** Some people simply have more money than others. An established, realistic budget will help you decide where you can go and determine what type of animal you can buy.
- **Know the breeder/seller.** Who have you formed a good relationship with? Who will help with feeding/prep advice after the sale? Be sure you have a solid relationship built on trust with the person you would like to do business with.

Once you have established the above criteria, you can start thinking about selection criteria for your animal. Regardless if you are looking to buy a steer or a heifer, the primary evaluation tool should be skeletal correctness or structure.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't matter how heavily muscled they are or how attractive they are, if they can't walk, it's a wash. Structure is the most important characteristic to evaluate and select for," Judge said.

Structural soundness should be evaluated from the ground up. First look at the animal's foot size. Does the animal have a little, tiny foot on a small amount of bone? Or does it set down on a big, square foot and adequate bone? You want an animal that stands on a nice square foot, with a good set to its pastern and plenty of flexibility, which is why it is always important to watch them walk. Moving up the skeleton, you want to make sure that the animal has a good set to its shoulder angle and knee; there should be a 45-degree angle to its shoulder and the knee should have the proper curvature of a banana or crescent shape. Make sure the steer or heifer can get out and move with plenty of flexibility to its hip and hind leg. Finally, make sure the animal has natural, smooth joints as big joints indicate potential structural concerns which can lessen the long-term future and value of the animal.

Once you have evaluated structure, Judge offers specific traits a person should look for when selecting both steer and heifers.

Heifer Highlights

Judge said that when selecting a show heifer prospect, that after structure, you want to make sure the heifer has a productive and maternal look. This entails having a good rib shape, curvature to her rib design, softness to her overall skeleton and power. The heifer needs to have long-tying muscle shape and dimension, and not be just one-dimensional or flat.

The next selection criteria for a show heifer is balance and eye appeal – you want her to look like a lady.

"She should have a feminine shape to her head and neck and be clean through her throat. When selecting a female as a calf be sure to pay attention to her freshness and condition. She doesn't need to be the bloomiest in terms of condition as a calf. You should look for a female who is genuine in her condition, but still shows potential for dimension and fleshing ability as she grows," Judge said.

Other factors to consider on heifers include breed and age. Breed is truly a personal preference, as is age. Some ages will only be able to show at a national show or state fair once in a show season or calendar year, on the rules.



Steer Strategies

When evaluating potential show steer prospects, after structure, you will want to look at muscle shape. You don't need to pick out the heaviest muscled, stoutest calf, but you do need to select one with indicators for future muscle development.

"Look for width of chest, some clearance or width at the ground, added body and rib shape, and a genuine shape or turn at the top side of his skeleton. These are good indicators that as he grows and develops, he will continue to have some muscle as he reaches his desired endpoint," she said.

In addition to structure and muscle shape, you want a steer that is balanced and eye appealing. He doesn't need to be the "coolest or freakiest fronted," according to Judge, but he does need to have parts that are put together in a proportional package that give him a balanced, fat steer look.

Study the Past, Eyes on the Present

Judge recommends asking about the past performance of siblings and half siblings of the calves you are looking at buying, which goes back to having a good relationship with the seller. Find out how other calves from specific sires and cows have performed. Did they eat well and grow efficiently? Or were they hard keepers? If they took a while to gain, they might not be the right calf for your earlier endpoint. On the flip side, if they grow quickly and are earlier maturing, you may have to pump the breaks on your feeding strategy.

And although many people post photos and videos of their sales online, Judge recommends always studying the cattle in person. If you can't get to a specific location in person, be sure that someone you trust looks at the cattle in person before you make a big investment in your project animal.

"If you see a calf you like, find someone you trust go see the animal in person. A lot of small details can be missed on videos, like foot size and joint shape. When you have steers that need to get to heavy weight or you are looking for a breeding female to bring value to your herd, those details can make all the difference," Judge said.

You've established a budget; an endpoint and you've created relationships with reputable breeders. Now it is time to go select your next show heifer or steer project. With simple selection criteria, you can evaluate the groups of calves available for sale this fall and find your next champion.



Livestock exhibitors across much of the country have just wrapped up another year with their livestock projects, while in other regions young exhibitors are just thinking about buying their next set of animals for winter shows. Before you introduce any new livestock into your barn, make sure you have properly cleaned and disinfected it to help prevent disease from the get-go.

In addition to cleaning the barn, make sure to properly clean and disinfect the supporting materials you use with your livestock on a regular basis – feed pans, water buckets, feed scoops, combs, brushes, pitchforks and even halters. It is imperative to keep your equipment and your facilities clean to prevent sickness.

Before you clean and disinfect your barn, be sure to have anything organic like hay, bedding or feed out of the area you are going to disinfect. Dispose of old bedding and start with fresh after you have cleaned the barn.

Scrape any caked-on manure or mud off panels, gates and walls before you start. Then once you do start, wash your facility from top to bottom so the dirt and grime gets from ceiling to floor and off the walls.

Rinse your walls and floors down prior to using a disinfectant. Remember, bleach can eat through some building materials, so use caution if using bleach. Pine-sol or a disinfectant from your veterinarian will work too. Once you have disinfected your facilities, be sure to have good ventilation to help dry the surfaces. Once your facilities are dry, start bedding with clean, fresh bedding to prepare for the arrival of your new show prospects.

If you give your barn a deep disinfecting job both at the beginning and end of your normal show season, you should see a significant reduction in sickness with proper regular cleaning. If you do bring a sick animal home from a show, consider disinfecting your barn again.

The key to moving forward is never to go backward. Taking the time to ensure you have a clean facility is vital to preventing sickness in your livestock show projects. Combine this with a proper nutrition program and the likelihood of having sick animals decreases significantly.



3 Most Important THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING LIVESTOCK



Recently, I came across an online thread asking, “What are the three most important things to consider when buying livestock?” This got me thinking. Even though the person posing the question was focused on the county level, I think my advice can apply to all levels of competition.

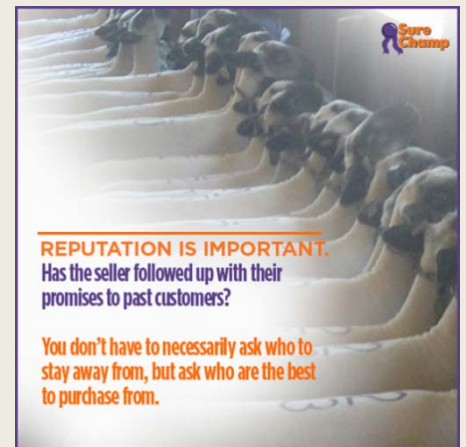
1. Who you are buying your livestock from.

This by far is the MOST important piece of the puzzle, especially if you are new to showing livestock, inexperienced or haven’t exhibited this particular species before. There is SO much to learn when showing livestock. You want to make sure that the seller is going to be there to offer suggestions and advice throughout the entire project.

Will they give feeding advice? Do they want you to send them pictures of your project so they can give feedback? Can they help line someone up to clip your calf or help you fit them on show day? If it is a breeding project, will they give advice on who you should breed your heifer, gilt, ewe or doe to?

Reputation is also important. Has the seller followed up with their promises to past customers? Are they willing to back an animal if they become a non-breeder? You don’t have to necessarily ask who to stay away from, but ask who are the best to purchase from.

Keep in mind online sales are amazing because as buyers we now have access to thousands of head of livestock. However, make sure you pick up the phone before you start clicking to bid. You want to make sure the seller is the right match for you and your needs.



2. Structure

It doesn’t matter what species, if they are a pink, purple or polka dotted – if that animal is not structurally sound to begin with, your project will never be as successful as you hope. Structure is the one thing that we can’t fix with feed or hair, and a small problem as a baby or young animal only becoming magnified as they get older. Joint supplements are designed to promote joint health, not cure structure problems.

3. It is up to you

This is where more debate comes in. I believe three is your personal preference. It could be a phenotypic trait such as muscle, balance or eye appeal. It could be breed of animal. This is especially important if you are looking for particular showing opportunities or if you plan to keep this animal in your herd to bred. If the animal is going to remain in your herd you might look at EPDs, the sire or dam.

If you follow the advice in step 1, the right seller will actually give you advice on the other things you should be taking into consideration when making your selection.

As you go out to purchase your next project keep these three tips in mind to find ultimate success.

Houston Weight Breaks

Market Steers					Market Steers										
Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021	Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021						
Charolais		1000-1147 1148-1229 1230-1283 1284-1340 1341-1596	1000-1137 1138-1214 1215-1287 1288-1346 1347-1556	1000-1153 1154-1230 1231-1303 1304-1350 1351-1560	Brangus		1000-1219 1220-1310 1311-1581	1000-1249 1250-1353 1354-1540	1000-1250 1251-1350 1351-1550						
	Limousin		1080-1229 1230-1305 1306-1459	1000-1219 1220-1299 1300-1525		1000-1229 1230-1335 1336-1490	Brahman		1000-1189 1190-1289 1290-1471	1000-1200 1201-1300 1301-1535	1000-1190 1191-1267 1268-1479				
		Simmental		1000-1224 1225-1389 1390-1631		1000-1213 1214-1325 1326-1560		1000-1220 1221-1299 1300-1667	Maine Anjou		1000-1189 1190-1290 1291-1625	1000-1199 1200-1299 1300-1620	1000-1199 1200-1299 1300-1599		
			Shorthorn			1000-1180 1181-1275 1276-1523		1005-1199 1200-1299 1300-1533		1000-1220 1221-1299 1300-1530	ABC		1000-1079 1080-1150 1151-1241 1242-1339 1340-1533	1000-1091 1092-1159 1160-1250 1251-1350 1351-1500	1000-1100 1001-1197 1198-1270 1271-1350 1351-1500
				Hereford				1150-1250 1251-1299 1300-1550		1000-1215 1216-1305 1306-1552		1000-1229 1230-1301 1302-1525	Black Cross		1000-1163 1164-1250 1251-1379 1380-1600
Angus		1047-1207 1228-1342 1343-1477	1000-1205 1206-1292 1293-1487		1000-1176 1177-1295 1296-1605	Red Cross		1000-1200 1201-1299 1300-1575	1000-1174 1175-1299 1300-1600	1000-1220 1221-1350 1351-1547					
	Red Angus		1041-1143 144-1258 1259-1571	1000-1150 1151-1269 1270-1375	1000-1145 1146-1299 1300-1425		Other Cross		1000-1070 1071-1158 1159-1211 1212-1263 1264-1346 1347-1560	1000-1038 1039-1100 1101-1180 1181-1256 1257-1358 1359-1595	1000-1050 1051-1125 1126-1215 1216-1279 1280-1350 1351-1580				
Simbrah			1000-1196 1197-1299 1300-1519	1000-1208 1245-1319 1320-1560	1000-1211 1212-1318 1319-1604	Market Lambs									
	Santa Gertrudis		1000-1200 1201-1320 1321-1550	1000-1199 1200-1319 1320-1699	1000-1199 1200-1328 1329-1640	Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021					
Polled Hereford			1126-1239 1240-1333 1334-1530	1001-1217 1218-1324 1325-1495	1000-1250 1251-1338 1339-1520	Finewool		100-131 132-147 148-193	109-130 131-140 141-172	100-132 133-143 144-172					
	Medium Wools		102-139 140-152 153-204	115-141 143-150 151-189	115-139 140-151 152-185		Fine Wool X		95-123 124-134 135-170	100-123 124-135 136-179	97-125 126-137 138-210				
Dorper			90-109 110-124 125-175	90-110 111-126 127-165	90-107 108-121 122-159	Southdowns			100-132 133--140 141-147 148-152 153-157 158-163 164-170 171-180 181-208	100-133 134-141 142-147 148-152 153-157 158-163 164-170 171-178 179-220	100-133 134-139 140-145 146-149 150-154 155-160 161-166 167-175 176-225				

Houston Weight Breaks

Market Barrows					Market Barrows				
Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021	Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021
Berkshire		250	250	250-250	Other Cross 2		250	250-251	250-252
		251-263	251-260	251-261		250	250-251	250-252	
		264-282	261-272	262-271		250	250-251	250-252	
		283-300	273-290	272-290		250	252-256	253-257	
Spot		250	250-254	250-250		251-255	257-261	258-264	
		251-265	250-254	251-259		256-261	262-267	265-270	
		266-284	255-268	260-272		262-265	268-274	271-276	
		285-300	269-290	273-290		266-270	275-286	277-289	
Hampshire		250	250-254	250-250		271-274	287-290	290-290	
		250-253	250-252	250-253		275-279			
		250-253	250-252	250-253	280-284				
		250-253	250-252	250-253	285-289				
		254-259	250-252	250-253	290-299				
		260-265	253-257	254-256	300				
		266-272	258-261	257-262					
		273-277	262-266	263-268					
		278-283	267-270	269-273					
		284-290	271-276	274-279					
Duroc		291-300	277-284	280-286					
			285-290	287-290					
		250-252	250-254	250-252					
		253-263	250-254	250-252					
		264-270	255-260	253-257					
		271-277	261-265	258-264					
		278-285	266-270	265-270					
		286-295	271-278	271-277					
		296-300	279-289	278-286					
			290	287-290					
Poland China		250-263	250-254	250-256					
		264-300	255-290	257-290					
Yorkshire		250	250	250-250					
		251-268	251-262	251-263					
		269-280	263-270	265-272					
		281-288	271-284	273-285					
		289-300	285-290	286-290					

Market Goats					
2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	65-74	65-74	65-70	65-71	65-70
	75-80	75-78	71-76	72-78	71-76
	<u>81-84</u>	<u>79-82</u>	<u>77-81</u>	<u>79-82</u>	<u>77-81</u>
	85-87	83-85	82-85	83-87	82-84
	88-90	86-89	86-88	88-91	85-87
	<u>91-93</u>	<u>90-91</u>	<u>89-91</u>	<u>92-94</u>	<u>88-90</u>
	94-96	92-94	92-94	95-96	91-93
	97-99	95-97	95-97	97-100	94-96
	<u>100-102</u>	<u>98-101</u>	<u>98-100</u>	<u>101-103</u>	<u>97-101</u>
	103-105	102-105	101-104	104-107	102-104
	106-111	106-111	105-110	108-112	105-110
	112-120	112-120	111-120	113-120	111-115

Austin Weight Breaks

Market Steers				
Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021
British		1043-1272	1137-1275	1134-1210
		1284-1549	1291-1379	1215-1334
			1391-1600	1354-1489
Shorthorn		1010-1222	1017-1239	1020-1241
		1229-1549	1270-1520	1247-1573
ABC		1000-1137	1025-1150	1025-1170
		1139-1244	1163-1270	1171-1235
		1249-1325	1274-1356	1237-1289
		1327-1401	1360-1595	1290-1380
		1418-1625		1389-1579
Brahman		1016-1258	1125-1260	1100-1268
		1323-1525	1313-1529	1330-1460
AOB Black		1000-1178	1040-1170	1055-1179
		1184-1289	1219-1319	1189-1260
		1297-1428	1333-1564	1268-1375
		1435-1551		1389-1549
AOB Red		1080-1250	1115-1227	1042-1225
		1254-1489	1259-1547	1241-1414
AOB Other Color		1000-1077	1000-1074	1000-1089
		1095-1181	1077-1139	1090-1149
		1185-1240	1141-1205	1155-1227
		1245-1293	1209-1255	1229-1265
		1296-1347	1257-1306	1267-1313
		1349-1419	1308-1359	1319-1380
		1421-1595	1360-1418	1388-1450
			1419-1635	1451-1660

Market Barrows				
Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021
Duroc		250-262	250-250	250-251
		263-273	251-266	252-261
		274-286	267-279	268-283
		290	280-290	284-290
Dark OPB		250	250-250	250
		252-265	254-265	252-265
		266-280	266-274	267-276
		281-290	275-290	277-290
White OPB		250-272	250-261	250-260
		273-290	262-290	263-290
Hampshire		250	250-252	250-252
		250	250-252	250-252
		252-259	250-252	250-252
		260-264	255-258	254-260
		265-274	259-265	261-268
		275-284	266-275	269-279
Yorkshire		250	250	250
		254-267	253-265	252-266
		270-286	267-287	267-284
		287-290	290	286-290
Light Cross		250	250	250
		253-263	250	250
		264-270	255-265	252-259
		271-278	266-269	260-270
		279-288	270-280	272-280
		289-290	285-290	281-290
Dark Cross		250	250	250
		250	250	250
		252-257	250	250
		258-262	250	250
		263-269	252-255	251-255
		270-274	257-259	256-260
		275-276	260-264	261-266
		277-282	265-271	267-273
		283-288	272-276	274-281
		289-290	277-283	282-289
		289-290	284-290	290

Market Lambs				
Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021
Finewool		107-135	114-132	108-135
		136-145	133-140	136-141
		146-180	143-162	142-169
Fine Wool X		114-139	112-139	120-142
		140-152	140-153	145-153
		153-181	156-177	154-183
Southdowns		108-126	107-126	90-123
		127-137	128-136	124-138
		138-170	137-197	140-175
Dorper		97-122	97-115	100-116
		125-177	117-148	119-150
Medium Wools		101-140	109-134	107-134
		141-146	135-143	135-143
		147-151	144-149	144-149
		152-155	150-155	150-154
		156-160	156-159	155-161
		161-165	160-164	162-168
		166-172	165-173	169-175
		173-210	174-200	176-212

Market Goats					
2024	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018
	60-74	60-71	60-71	60-70	60-73
	75-78	72-77	73-78	71-78	74-78
	79-83	78-81	79-82	79-83	79-82
	84-86	82-84	83-85	84-86	83-85
	87-89	85-86	86-88	87-89	86-88
	90-92	87-89	89-90	90-91	89-91
	93-94	90-91	91-92	92-93	92-93
	95-96	92-93	93-94	94-95	94-95
	97-98	94-95	95-97	96-97	96-97
	99-101	96-98	98-100	98-100	98-99
	102-103	99-101	101-102	101-102	100-102
	104-106	102-104	103-104	103-105	103-104
	107-110	105-107	105-108	106-108	105-107
	111-116	108-111	109-112	109-113	108-111
	117-120	112-120	113-120	114-120	112-120

Major Show Updates & Changes

General- starting with the spring 2024 major shows the Market Steer Classification Guidelines have been updated and adjusted. Please refer to this link to review the updated guidelines that will take affect in 2024 spring majors. <https://app.box.com/s/7kpvmecrf89lkp4jje9dysad1um173dh>

2024 Houston Livestock Show

- Poultry Show moving back to NRG Arena
- Livestock Judging moving back to NRG Arena
- Junior Mkt. Auctions cap increase for youth
- Judge selection for other cross waves will not be announced until the morning of show A
- Heifer show
 - Chi heifers- all heifers with papers from the American Chi Association will show as Chi regardless of %
 - Simbrah heifers- only purebreds will show as a Simbrah, all Simbrah * and % will show as ARB

2024 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

- Wether Dam & Doe show added
- Certified Texas Bred Barrow Show
- Cattle Tie outs sold upon arrival

Major Show Judges

2024 Houston Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Chris Millinix
Mkt Goat- Brandon Callis
Mkt Sheep – Dr. Jeff Ripley
Mkt Swine- Justin Rodibaugh & Clay Zwilling
Heifers-
Dave Allan- ARB, Brangus, Simbrah, Gert
PJ Budler- Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman, Grey
Brahman
Mark Hoge- Hereford, P. Hereford, Angus, R. Angus
Shorthorn
Chris Sankey- Charolais, Maine, ORB, Simmental, Limousin,
Chi
Breeding Sheep- Chad Coburn
Breeding Gilts- David Ammann

2024 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Shane Bedwell
Mkt Swine- Kyndal Reitzenstein
Mkt Goat- Caleb Boardman
Mkt Lamb- Al Schminke
Heifers-
Ashley Wagner- Brangus, Red Brangus, Simbrah, ARB &
Continental
Scott Werning- Beefmaster, Brahman, Gert, & British
Wether Dam- Charlie Hild
Wether Does- Payton Dahmer

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Upcoming Events:

Tag Order Deadlines:

Major Show Steers
March 28th

State Fair Sheep, Goats,
Swine
March 28th

Major Show Heifers-
Summer
March 28th

Validation Dates:

Major Show Steers
June

State Fair Sheep, Goats,
Swine
June

Major Show Heifers-Summer
June

Show Entry Dates

West Texas Fair Due
July 17th

State Fair & Heart O' Texas
Due August 8th

Show Dates

2024 Houston Livestock Show

February 27- March 17, 2024

- Mkt Sheep & Goat – 3/5-3/7
- Breeding Heifer – 3/4 -3/9
- Mkt Steer – 3/10-3/15
- Mkt Swine – 3/9-3/14
- Gilts -2/29-3/1
- Breeding Sheep- 2/26-2/28
- Mkt Broiler- 3/7
- Mkt Turkey 3/8

2024 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

March 8-23, 2024

- Steer- 3/7-3/9
- Sheep 3/14-3/15
- Goat 3/14-3/15
- Wether Dams -3/12-3/13
- Wether Does 3/12-3/13
- Swine- 3/16-3/18
- Heifer- 3/20-3/23
- Poultry- 3/11

2024 West Texas Fair

2024 State Fair Livestock Show

September 27- October 20, 2024

2024 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

October 3-13, 2024

2024 Brazos Valley Fair

October 11-13 & 18-20 2024

2025 Sandhills Livestock Show

2025 Ft. Worth Livestock Show

January 17-February 8, 2023

2025 MCJLS

2025 San Angelo Livestock Show

2025 San Antonio Livestock Show

February 6-23, 2025

2025 Elite Gilt Showcase

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