

RAINS COUNTY MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES

GENERAL RULES:

1. Participation in the junior supervised livestock division is limited and restricted to Rains County 4-H Club members and Rains I.S.D. FFA members who reside in Rains County or attend a school in Rains County and who have continuously, personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of the County Agricultural Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. To be eligible, boys and girls must be 8 years old and in the 3rd grade and may not have graduated from high school. 4-H and FFA members showing in the Rains County Market Show may not have tagged in validated animals, or shown in any other county market show, or they will be disqualified.
2. The Rains County Jr. Market Show shall be deemed as a Terminal Show. Therefore, all market animals, (steers, goats, lambs, pigs) will become the sole property of the Fair Association. The buyers will no longer have an option to give the animals back to the exhibitor. Each animal will either be put on the truck or will be sent to the slaughter house. Under NO circumstances will the exhibitor be allowed to take any market animal home – with only the exception of Steers. See specific Steer Rules.
 - a. If animals are purchased by any family member off the truck, or families find other ways to break the above-mentioned rule, then the youth will be subject to Disciplinary Action.
 - b. Any youth taking a Sale animal from the Fairgrounds without consent of the Fair Board is subject to Disciplinary Action spelled out in Rule #20, below.
3. A standard 4-H or FFA record must be kept on the project and dropped off at the **County Extension Office by Friday, September 7, 2018 before 4:30 P.M.** If a record is not available, this disqualifies the animal from the show. Plaques will be given for “Best Set of Records” on steers, market hogs, and lambs. A complete record must contain the following: (1) standard record form and (2) a picture story showing the development of the animal - optional.
4. All market animals must be purchased by the official tag-in date. All market animals must be tagged in on the official tag-in date set by the organization. A market animal has a seven-day grace period after tag-in date to be replaced in a situation of hardship but only with the association’s approval.
 - Tag-in date for steers will be in April. **Tag in Date – April 15, 2018.**
 - Tag-in date for swine, goats and lambs is the first week in June. **Tag in Date – June 2, 2018.**
5. Each exhibitor may tag in two animals, but may only show and sell one market animal. The two animals may be of the same species or the combination of any two. For example:
 - I. 1 swine or 1 lamb
 - II. 1 swine or 1 steer
 - III. 1 steer or 1 lamb
 - IV. 1 lamb or 1 goat

- You can only bring one animal. However, the two animals of the same species may be tagged in under multiple siblings' names that all live at the same residence. Each animal must be officially tagged and recorded. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animal.
6. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their animals to the fairgrounds on the **Wednesday, September 12th**. All lambs and swine may begin arriving at the Fairgrounds at **6:00 A.M and must be in place by 2:00 P.M.**, meaning they must be at the Fairgrounds and in a pen by 2:00 P.M. Official Weigh-in time will be between 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. We will begin by weighing the lambs then pigs. Failure to weigh in on time will disqualify the animal from competition. **Pen spaces are limited so there may be multiple animals per pen.** Steer weigh-in times and place will be published.
 7. At weigh-in the tag number, or tattoo, and exhibitor's name must match that of the number and name registered at tag-in date. Any deviation will disqualify animal from competition. No animal may compete if it has not been validated.
 8. Once an animal is unloaded to be weighed and it does not make the weight requirements, it cannot leave the fairgrounds if it is to be weighed in again before weigh-in is over. If the animal is taken off of the grounds, it will not be allowed to be re-weighed.
 9. The Fair Association is obligated to sell only the top 80% of the livestock...subject to a sift per species.
 10. A fee of 3% of the selling price will be charged as commission to pay the premiums and purchase ribbons.
 11. All exhibitors are responsible for the caretaking of their own animals while at the fair and until the animal has been delivered to the buyer's choice of reasonable destination. Each animal should be fed and watered within a schedule and excessive shrinkage due to negligence of exhibitors will result in cancellation or reduction of payment. Feed, water, and troughs shall be provided by exhibitors.
 12. Unethical fitting of animals is prohibited. Any animal that is unethically treated by exhibitors will be disqualified. This will be at the discretion of the Fair Association. Any product administered internally or externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited and will be cause for disqualification. This includes, but is not limited to, stomach pumping, or the forcing of water into an animal to increase its weight.
 13. At the time the animal is sold, the Rains County Fair Association has control of the animal.
 14. Exhibitors must comply with all other rules and regulations set up by the Rains County Fair Association throughout the entire feeding program, show, and sale.
 15. If the 4-H or FFA member has charged their feed at the local feed store and has not paid their bill at the time the exhibitor checks are prepared, then the check will be made payable to the youth and the feed store. If all debts are not paid, the child will not be eligible for next year's show.

16. You will not be allowed to wash out your pens with water, so you may use shavings. Please be at the Fairgrounds at **9:30 A.M. on Sunday, September 16** to clean the shavings out of your pen. Failure to do so will result in a delay in receiving your check from the livestock sale.
17. Parents, we need your help getting your child's animal into the arena for the Show and Sale. We have very limited volunteers working the barn, so at least one parent must be responsible for getting your child's animal into and out of the arena.
18. You must pick up all your personal items from the show barn by Sunday afternoon, i.e., water hoses, fans, feed buckets, etc. **We do not gather up any items that are left.**
19. Thank You cards must be brought to our office as soon as you receive your list of buyers from our office. **They must be handwritten by the child on a Thank You card.** We will not accept any that are computer-generated. We will not release your check to you until this request is completed and in our office.
20. If 4-H or FFA members violate any of the above-mentioned Rules, they are subject to one or all of the following deemed by the Fair Board: Forfeiture of Premiums and Prizes, Banned from Future Shows, Banned from any Fair Scholarships, and/or any other Disciplinary Actions at the discretion of the Fair Board.

*****SPECIFIC SPECIAL RULES*****

STEERS

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- Minimum weight requirement at first weigh-in must be at least 500 pounds and the animal must show an average of 2 pounds per day weight gain from beginning weigh-in until ending weigh-in. They will show as a finished steer.
- All steers will show in one class, unless there are more than 15 steers, then they will be broken by weight into 2 classes.
- A 3% shrinkage will be taken from the final weigh-in to determine the sale weight at the show auction.
- There will be a 15-pound tolerance allowed for the official weight.
- Steers that are not halter broke before entry in the show will be disqualified.
- This will be a Terminal Sale not Show. If a steer exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve, that animal must sell. All other placing Steers have the option not to sell. However, they must withdraw from the Sale within 30 minutes of the end of the Steer Show. If you do sell, all prices are final and you may not withdraw from the Sale.

MARKET HOGS

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- 220 to 270 pounds at ending weigh-in.
- There will be a 10-pound tolerance allowed for the official weight.
- Only clean animals can go across the scales, no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- You can weigh animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first time they will not be allowed to reweigh.
- Hogs will be broken into 3-5 classes determined after final weigh-in.
- A 2% shrinkage will be taken from the weigh-in to determine the sale weight at the auction.
- Exhibitors may show gilts or barrows.

LAMBS

- Lambs will be shown in one class unless there are too many and then they will be divided into 2 classes.
- At weigh-in all market lambs must weigh at least 80 pounds as a minimum and no maximum weight is set. There will be a 5-pound tolerance allowed for official weight.
- Exhibitors may show whethers or ewe lambs.
- Lambs are required to be slick sheared in order to show.
- Halters are not allowed on lambs during the show, showmanship, competition or sale.
- There will be separate classes for showing market lambs and for Showmanship. Any exhibitor wishing to compete for showmanship must use their market lamb for showmanship competition.
- Only clean animals can go across the scales, no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- You can weigh animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first time they will not be allowed to reweigh.

GOATS

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- At weigh-in all market goats must weigh at least 60 pounds as a minimum and no maximum weight is set. There will be a 5-pound tolerance allowed for official weight.
- Exhibitors may show whether or doe goats consisting of any Market Breed or Cross Breed.
- Goats are required to be slick sheared in order to show, except below knee and hock and the tip of the tail.
- Goats may be shown with Collars / Chains / Show Halters.
- Horns – Must be Dehorned/Blunted / Tipped.
- Goats will be shown in one or two classes depending on the number showing.
- There will be separate classes for showing market lambs and for Showmanship. Any exhibitor wishing to compete for showmanship must use their market lamb for showmanship competition.
- Only clean animals can go across the scales, no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- You can weigh animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first time, they will not be allowed to reweigh.

The Rains County Fair Association awards the Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Hog, Grand Champion Lamb and Grand Champion Goat winners \$100.00 each. The Rains County Fair Association awards the Reserve Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Hog, Reserve Champion Goat and Reserve Champion Lamb winners \$50.00 each.

Ag Mechanics – Move in Thursday Morning, See Ag Teachers for Rules.

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