

2021 Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division Rules

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October 11-13, 2021 Schedule of Activities

Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division activities are conducted at the New Salem Club House in Fair Park in Rockdale. Check-in for the Home Economics Division starts on Monday, October 11, 2021, but the Rockdale Fair runs from October 9-16, 2021.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- Milam County- Family and Community Health Committee will coordinate the Home Economics Division. All questions can be answered by emailing Micah Holcombe at: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or calling the Extension Office at 254-605-0226.

NEW- All new items will be bolded and highlighted in YELLOW!

Attention School Entries: PLEASE READ-NEW NEW NEW!!!!

- School entries of the non-food items will be available to drop off items on **Monday, October 11th from 4-5pm**, so large groups of entries can be organized. **PLEASE CALL the Extension Office if you plan to drop off items on Monday. If there are NO SCHOOLS who called to drop off items on MONDAY, the building will NOT be open!**
- NOTE: Please provide a listing of the entries to assist in organizing the return of your entries: participant; age division and entry division.

2021 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday – October 12	8:00 am until 10:00 pm	Check in for ALL divisions
	1:00 pm until 5:00 pm	Judging for all divisions
	5:00 pm until 6:00 pm	Check-out and pick-up for all Baked Goods (All Baked Goods entries not picked-up by 6:00pm will become property of the FCH Committee.)
Wednesday – October 13	8:00 am until 5:00 pm	Exhibits open to the public (Please keep social distanced and wear masks)
	1:00 pm until 5:30 pm	Check-out and pick-up for all divisions (ALL ITEMS MUST BE PICKED UP)
	5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony and Pictures: Best of Show, Grand and Reserve Champion Winners Pictures of Best of Show Winners ONLY INDIVIDUALLY
	5:30 pm	Kick Off Party- ALL Home Economics Youth are welcome to attend and will receive a T-shirt and food.

General Guidelines for Entries:

1. The Fair is open to all Milam County residents or Youth attending school in Milam County.
2. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO PLEASE WEAR A MASK IN THE BUILDING AND SOCIAL DISTANCE!**
3. Age Categories (as of entry date of show):

Beginners	K-2nd Grades
Junior	3-5 Grades
Intermediates	6-8 Grades
Seniors	9-12 Grades
Adults	Ages 19 and above (Those not attending 12th grade anymore)

AGE EXCEPTION **Quilts Categories (Quilts I, II, and III) will be divided into Youth and Adult AGE DIVISIONS:**
Youth: K-12th grade
Adult: Ages 19 and above (Those not attending 12th grade anymore)

*****Groups/Teams are also welcomed to enter together for the Quilt Categories.**

4. All exhibits must have been completed since last Rockdale Fair-October 2019.
5. All exhibits must be NEW and not a variation or duplication from past years entries.
6. All exhibits must be made by the exhibitors themselves.
7. All exhibits will be judged, and ribbons awarded as follows for each category:
 - Each division MUST have one grand champion and one reserve champion selected from 1st place winners in the division. (All divisions MUST be awarded a Grand and Reserve Champion)
 - The divisions will be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
 - Classes in each division will receive ribbons for 1st through 5th places.
 - A Best of Show Winner will be selected from the Grand Champions in each age category.
7. Entry forms will be available at the time of registration or prior to the show from:
 - Milam County Extension Office, located at 100 East 1st, Cameron, Texas (254) 697-7045
 - Milam County 4-H Extension website for Rockdale Fair: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>
 - Pre-registration is not required for Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division Entries.
8. Maximum Entries per Division:
One entry per participant for the following divisions:
 - **Decorated Cakes and Cupcakes**
 - Collections**Six entries per participant** for the divisions on the division page (excluding baked goods)
Example:
 - **One bread, one cake, one cookie, one candy, one pie for a total of five entries in the Baked Goods Division.- No misc category.**
 - **Three cakes and three pies for a total of six entries in the Baked Goods Division**
 - One wreath, five tree decorations for a total of six entries in the Christmas Craft Division
 - One collection is the maximum entry for the collection Division
9. All entries must be checked in and checked out at the assigned times.
10. Every precaution will be taken to protect articles entered, but in no case will the Rockdale Fair Association or the FCH Committee be responsible for loss, damage, theft or breakage or other forms of loss.
11. Awards Ceremony: An awards ceremony will take place at 5:30pm before pictures on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. We will announce the Best of Show winners, Grands and Reserve Champion (they will receive their rewards). Pictures will follow the awards ceremony followed by clean up.
12. **Home Economics Division participants are NOT required to attend the REQUIRED set-up days given by the Rockdale Fair Association.**

Divisions

Afghans	Floral Arrangements	Photography
Baked Goods	Hand Stitchery/Needlework	Produce
Decorated Cakes and Cupcakes	Handwork	Quilt Division I
Canned Foods	Holiday Crafts	Quilt Division II
Clothing Art and Handwork Accessories	Horticulture	Quilt Division III
Collections	Painting	Recycled Arts and Crafts
Creative Arts and Crafts	Painting and Drawing Other Medium Division	School Projects
Drawings	Paper Creative Arts and Crafts	Woodworking

Afghans Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Crochet; Knit, Weaving

Baked Goods Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Recipes Must Be Attached to the Entries
- No professional bakers are allowed to enter
- Classes include: Bread (1 loaf or 3 rolls); Cookies (6 of a kind); Pies; Cakes; Candy (6 of a kind); Cupcakes (6 of a kind), Cake Balls (6 of a kind), etc.
- Disposal containers **are recommended** for food entries
- **NEW! Please provide a cut piece of your baked good and put it in an airtight container for the judge to sample.**

Decorated Cake and Cupcakes Division

- Maximum Entries: One entry per participant
- Recipes Must Be Attached to the Entries
- No professional bakers are allowed to enter
- Decorated cakes must be completely edible including the decorations and garnishes.
- Classes include: Cakes, Cupcakes (6 of a kind)
- Disposal containers can be used for food entries.
- **NEW! Please provide a cut piece of your baked good and put it in an airtight container for the judge to sample.**

Canned Foods Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All canned products must be exhibited in standard canning jars and sealed with new lids
- Possible Classes may be: Vegetables; Pickles; Relishes; Fruit; Juices; Salsa; Jams; Jellies
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Clothing Art and Handwork Accessories Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Handwork Accessories: Knitted Items, Sewn Clothing
- Clothing Art: Clothing must be on hangers for display
- Possible Classes may be: Embellished Clothing; Designed T-shirt Art, Recycled/Repurposed clothing, etc.

Collections Division

- Maximum Entries: One entry per participant
- Collection is a group of five or more items
- Collections are limited to 36 inch table space
- Collections cannot be an addition or duplication of an entry from past years.
- Collection ideas – Dolls; Insects; Buttons; Flowers; Shells; Sport Cards; Stamps: Rocks; etc.

Creative Arts and Crafts Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Ceramics; Porcelain; Jewelry; Models; Leatherwork; Scrapbooks, Artistic Arrangements, etc.

Drawings Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Entries can be pen, ink, charcoal, chalk, crayon or **other media that includes drawing only**
- Possible Classes may be: Animals, People, Landscape, Still Life, Flora/Plant, etc.

Floral Arrangements Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All flower arrangements entered need to be fresh cut flowers and arranged in a jar, vase, or other artistic method
- All potted plants will continue to be judged in horticulture.
- Possible Classes may be: funeral sprays, table top/centerpiece arrangements, wreaths, bouquets, misc

Hand Stitchery/Needlework Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Needlepoint; Embroidery; Cross-Stitched; Candlewicking, Smocking, Crewel, Counted Cross-Stitch etc.

Holiday Crafts Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: **ANY HOLIDAY**- Tree Decorations; Wreaths, Centerpieces; etc.

Horticulture Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All plants entered need to have been cared for by the exhibitor for at least 6 months
- All single specimens must be displayed in a bottle
- All single specimens must be cut from plants cared for by the exhibitor for at least 6 months
- Possible Classes may be: Single Specimen; Ferns; Blooming Plants-Potted; Hanging Baskets; Cacti and Succulents; Potted Foliage Plants; etc.

Paintings Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Entries can be oil, water colors, acrylics, and **other media that includes painting only**
- Possible Classes may be: Animals, People, Landscape, Still Life; Flora/Plant, etc.

Painting and Drawing Medium Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- **Entries can be other media that includes both combinations of paints and drawing utensils techniques**
- Possible Classes may be: Animals, People, Landscape, Still Life; Flora/Plant, etc.

Paper Creative Arts and Crafts Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries may include paper flowers, origami, wreaths, cards, lanterns, mobiles, stationary, paper plates, etc
- Possible Classes/entries may be: Animals, People, Landscape, Still Life; Flora/Plant, etc.

Photography Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Photos no **smaller than 4x6 and no larger than 8x10.**
- Entries may be colored and black and white photos (digital photos or film photos)
- **Photos MUST be put in one of the following classes:**

Animals- Both Domestic and Wildlife	Plant/Flora	Elements of Design
People	Food	Dominant Color
Nature/Landscape	Motion/Action	Details and Macro
Still Life	Night	Catch- ALL
- For descriptions of each category, please visit this website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/> (PLEASE NOTE: Not all categories are provided at Rockdale Fair- there are additional categories within the Texas 4-H photography contest-those categories not provided at Rockdale Fair would be put in the Catch-ALL category or other related categories they fit into)

Produce Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Produce must be grown by the exhibitor
- Entry consists of 4-6 small items (such as peppers, tomatoes, etc.) or 1 large item (such as a pumpkin)
- Possible Classes may be: Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, etc.

School Projects Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- This division is for youth to display and compete with their school projects and for youth and adult to enter scrapbooks in a better category.
- Entries may include posters, scrapbooks, mobiles, science projects, presentation boards, and other items that might not fit into other divisions (ie art, woodworking, paper crafts, etc.)- NOTE- 4-H/FFA and other organizations may use these projects as well in this category. Adults may also enter with organizational scrapbooks.
- Possible Classes may be: See above on entry examples

Quilt Division I – Hand and Machine Quilted (any size EXCEPT BED SIZED QUILTS)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- NO BED SIZED QUILTS
- Any quilted piece- hand and/or machine quilted (such as: table runner; wall hangers; lap quilt; etc)
- Possible Classes may be: table runner; wall hangers; lap quilt; etc
- **Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together**

Quilt Division II – Hand Quilted Bed Sized Quilts (any BED sized)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Any hand quilted BED SIZED piece
- Classes will be: Twin, Double, Queen, King
- **Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together**
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Quilt Division III – Machine Quilted Bed Sized Quilts (any BED sized)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Any machine quilted BED SIZED piece
- Classes will be: Twin, Double, Queen, King
- **Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together**

Recycled Arts and Crafts Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Folk art, Jewelry, Arts and Crafts general, etc

Woodworking Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Furniture; Accessories; Toys; Houses; etc.

Participation in the Rockdale Fair is open to any resident of Milam County and Youth attending school in Milam County regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.