

# *Laredo International Fair & Exposition*

February 27th to March 3rd, 2018

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual**



***Rules and Regulations***

**LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS**

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# Highlights for 2018

- **FAIR DATES** LIFE 2018 - First day will begin on Tuesday, February 27, 2018
- **COMPETITION** – inserted “in Webb County”
- **SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS** – inserted
  - must participate in both the Sift and the Show.
  - A Substitute Exhibitor must be a current exhibitor.
  - Parent or Legal Guardian
- **APPLICATION FOR ENTRY** - inserted
  - Parent or Legal Guardian
  - 1.3 Entry Cards which are found to make Material Misrepresentation, are Fraudulent, are Non-Compliant or are deceptive in their representation will be denied or rejected at any time after the closing date.
- **UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK POULTRY OR RABBITS** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock, poultry and rabbits. Unethically fitted animals means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, or any part of the body using drugs, medication, chemicals, or other substances including over the counter medications and extra-label substances or mechanical devices including the insertion or injection of foreign substances including air to alter the physical makeup of or performance of the animal. . All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits are subject to inspection any time after the validation date. Unethically fitted livestock, poultry or rabbits will be barred from exhibition. The decision of the official veterinarian will be final.
- **DISPERSAL** – Inserted - No livestock, poultry or rabbits may be picked-up without a buyers receipt.
- **DRUG RESIDUE** – Inserted- The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock, poultry and rabbits.
- **AUCTION**
  - 1.1 All exhibitors placing Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion, Reserve Champion and 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place must sell their exhibit in the auction (exception is poultry and rabbits 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place; and Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion Agriculture Mechanics if indicated “DO NOT AUCTION” on the entry card on the closing date).
- **CONDUCT** – Inserted – at any LIFE event.

- **ALL SPECIAL RULES – ENTRIES - 1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.**

Disclaimer: This flyer is by any means not a substitute for the Rules and Regulations.

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# LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS

## GENERAL RULES

### ***EXHIBITORS***

**1. COMPETITION** Competition is open to anyone, enrolled in elementary, middle school, Jr. High School, high school, or home school and must be active members in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club, or FCCLA organization in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally fed and cared for the animal, baked, canned, sewn, constructed or drawn the entries **in Webb County** in accordance to the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.).

**1.1 ACTIVE MEMBERS** Active members in this Rule Book means having been a bona fide member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Jr. FFA or FCCLA Chapter on or before November 1st of the year immediately preceding the next L.I.F.E. Livestock Show. Exhibitors must be 9 years old or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Active member also means to be in good standing at the time of show.

**1.2 SCHOOL STATUS** Students who: have graduated, dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

#### **1.3 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS**

The substitute exhibitors must comply with all the rules that apply to exhibitors but not limited to:

- A Substitute Exhibitor Card must be submitted for both the Sift and the Show (Judging) **and must participate in both the Sift and the Show. In the case that the exhibitor is taking a school assessment during the time of sift or show, then the substitute exhibitor may participate in either the sift or show.**
- **A Substitute Exhibitor must be a current year exhibitor.**
- An exhibitor may compete as a Substitute Exhibitor only once during the show year.
- Substitute exhibitors information must be provided on an official L.I.F.E. Substitute Entry Card and must include the signature of the **Parent or Legal Guardian**, County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agriculture Science Teacher (AST).
- Exhibitors must comply with House Bill 72 (No Pass, No Play). A student must be academically eligible to show. Substitute Exhibitors will not be allowed for exhibitors who are not academically eligible.
- Substitute Exhibitors must be members from the same club or chapter except for siblings, half siblings or step siblings who reside in the same household.

Substitute Exhibitor Cards will be accepted on the following basis:

- Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor's documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during show).
- Exhibitor competing with two livestock projects in the same class.

- If the project makes the sale, then the exhibitor or substitute will sell the project in the sale.
- Denial by a schools administration to participate for reasons other than academic ineligibility. Must be accompanied by documentation.

***ENTRIES***

- 1. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY** All applications for entries must be printed completely on entry cards and in accordance with instructions. These cards, after being signed by the exhibitor, instructor, and **parent or legal guardian**, are delivered to the L.I.F.E. office located on the Laredo International Fair & Exposition grounds by the CEA or AST.
  - 1.1 Incomplete Entry Cards will be rejected as received.
  - 1.2 Each Entry Card must include the entry fee.
  - 1.3 Entry Cards which are found to make Material Misrepresentation, are Fraudulent, are Non-Compliant or are deceptive in their representation will be denied or rejected at any time after the closing date for said species.**
- 2. ENTRY CARD DEADLINE** Entry cards will be accepted only from CEA/AST. Entries will not be accepted from other individuals. Late Entries will not be accepted. Entry Cards will not be accepted on the day of validation.
- 3. ENTRY CLOSING DATES** All entry cards for livestock, poultry and rabbits must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 P.M. of the closing date.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Validation Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Steers	Sept. 13, 2017	Sept. 16, 2017	8:00 A.M.
Lambs	Oct. 4, 2017	Oct. 7, 2017	8:00 A.M.
Goats	Oct. 4, 2017	Oct. 7, 2017	8:00 A.M.
Swine	Nov. 29, 2017	Dec. 2, 2017	8:00 A.M.
Poultry	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 27, 2018	8:00 A.M.
Rabbits	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 27, 2018	8:00 A.M.

10:00AM Validation Cutoff Time<sub>(sr)</sub>. Dates subject to change due to inclement weather.

- 4. LIMIT OF ENTRIES**
  - 4.1 Validate any number of exhibits.
  - 4.2 Enter a total of two exhibits only through the Sift.
  - 4.3 Show only two exhibits which include Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Welding/Woodworking, Canning, Sewing & Baking.
  - 4.4 Sell only one exhibit in the auction. An exhibitor selling in the auction will not be awarded a premium, or if the exhibitor chooses to accept the premium, he/she will not be allowed to sell in the auction.
- 5. SIBLINGS (STEERS)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers together. However, each exhibitor must select their own steer for the sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the steers together.
- 6. SIBLINGS (POULTRY)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate roasters and broiler chick flocks together. However, each exhibitor must select their own

bird(s) from the common flock for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the flock together.

7. **SIBLINGS (RABBITS)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate broiler and fryer rabbits from the same household pen or pens. However, each exhibitor must select their own rabbit(s) from the common group for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the rabbits together.
8. **ACCEPT ENTRIES** In all cases the management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally any entry, and does not guarantee space in the show barns to any entry, as it is intended that only such animals shall be entered and shown as having merit, and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and this exposition. An exhibitor who makes a material misrepresentation or is fraudulent, subjects himself/herself to being barred from all further competition for the current show year and for the preceding show year. Also, the exhibit(s) may be removed and all money from auction, premiums, add-ons and floor will be forfeited.

### ***ENTRY FEES***

1. **ENTRY FEES** Entry fees must be paid with the entry card and delivered by the CEA or AST. Entry Fees may be paid by Cashiers Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, 4-H Club Check, or Cash. Personal, Family or Business Checks will not be accepted.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Steers	\$30.00
Lambs	\$30.00
Goats	\$30.00
Swine	\$30.00
Poultry	\$30.00
Rabbits	\$30.00

2. **REFUNDS** There will be no re-funds after the entry closing date.

### ***LIVESTOCK***

1. **STALLS, PENS, TIES** Stalls, pens and ties will be assigned by the superintendents and board members of each division before check in on day of sift.
2. **LOSS OF EAR TAG** All livestock, poultry and rabbits projects must have an official L.I.F.E. ear tag, state validation tag, leg band, wing band or tattoo at sift and dispersal. Livestock projects not having an official ear tag, state validation tag, leg band, wing band or tattoo or improperly documented identification will be sifted. Exhibitors removing ear tags, leg bands or wing bands before dispersal will not receive their check. In the event an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their CEA/AST within three (3) days of discovery of loss. CEA/AST will notify appropriate division superintendent to make arrangements to re-tag animal. Re-tagging must be done within ten (10) days from date of discovery of

loss. Tagging and/or re-tagging will be done by division superintendent or superintendent's designee only. There will be no exceptions to this rule. L.I.F.E. will assume no liability in theft or death of any livestock project.

3. **STATE NUMBERS** Livestock may use state validation ear-tag numbers instead of LIFE validation ear tag numbers.
4. **CHECK IN** All livestock, poultry, and rabbits must check in by 10:00AM. on the day of sift.
5. **DISEASED ANIMALS BARRED** Special care will be taken that no animals having a disease of any character will be admitted into the show grounds at any time. The superintendent of livestock is instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges or remove any livestock having a disease, or undesirable ailment.
6. **OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS** The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand or show that may be falsely entered, substituted, or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable without assigning a reason thereto, and if necessary to return any money already paid for space or stalls which shall exonerate the Exposition from any claims whatsoever on the part of exhibitor or purchaser. The Exposition will not be liable for any loss of any Livestock, Poultry or Rabbits due to theft, illness or death.
7. **ERRONEOUS ENTRY** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to determination of classes. A protest may be filed and must be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Grievance Committee of the Exposition immediately after the occasion for such protest (within 24 hours). Upon application, the superintendent or a livestock committee consisting of a combination three AST's and CEA's who will determine the matter upon its merits. A decision of a majority vote will supersede the decision of the classifier/sifter. However, if such classes have been determined, they shall not be reopened.
8. **CARE OF ANIMALS** All owners/exhibitors or others in charge shall care for livestock, poultry and/or rabbits. All steers, swine, lambs, goats, poultry and or/rabbits must be fed and provided with water until Saturday night. Any steers, swine, lambs, goats, poultry, or rabbits that are abandoned will become the property of LIFE. The exhibitor forfeits any money from the sale, premiums, add-ons and floor and may be barred from further participation in the current livestock show and future livestock shows.
9. **CARE OF STALLS AND PENS** All stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 A.M. each day and refuse matter disposed of as the General Superintendent of Livestock may direct. No smoking will be permitted in the covered show sheds.
  - 9.1 Exhibitors will be assigned stall space, pen space or ties for all projects.



- 9.2 All projects include steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry, rabbits.
- 9.3 All projects must be exhibited in their designated areas at all times.
- 9.4 An exhibitor or organization may be held liable for any damage to areas, stalls or pens.

- 10. VIEWING OF LIVESTOCK AREAS** All areas must be prepared for viewing between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Sidewalks and viewing areas must be free of obstructions.
- 11. SHOW RING** No parent or persons other than the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent's designee will be allowed in the show ring while competing or otherwise showing his or her animal project. If the exhibitor is not able to handle his or her own project, he/she will not be allowed to participate. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.
- 12. REFUSAL OR UNABLE TO SHOW** Exhibitors, or their substitutes, who are unable to show or who refuse to show their animal project during competition will forfeit their opportunity to sell at the auction.
- 13. SURGERY/MEDICATIONS** No surgery shall be performed nor medications be given to livestock, poultry or rabbits during the fair without prior approval from the livestock superintendent or supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- 14. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY OR RABBITS**
  - 14.1 No livestock will be released unless there is a unanimous decision by a livestock committee consisting of a Director in charge of livestock or designee(Director), Superintendent of the division, the AST/CEA of the exhibitor, and one other AST/CEA.
  - 14.2 All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday the day of the sift. All sifted animals remaining on the grounds after 6:00 P.M. become property of L.I.F.E.
  - 14.3 All steers must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after the sale. Swine must be returned to their assigned pen after the sale. All lambs and goats must be returned to their chapter/club pens after the sale. All floored lambs and goats must remain in their chapter/club pens after the sale. (All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits must be fed and provided with water until Saturday night).
  - 14.4 No livestock, may be removed from grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-On, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.
  - 14.5 All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock, poultry or rabbit not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
- 15. EAR TAGS, LEG BANDS AND WINGBANDS** Animals without ear tags, leg bands or wing bands at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E.

## 16. DISPERSAL

- 16.1 Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair. **No livestock, poultry or rabbits may be picked-up without a buyers receipt.** Any animal not picked up by buyer by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will become the property of LIFE. Theft of Livestock, Poultry or Rabbits will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-On, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.
- 16.2 For Rabbits and Poultry; the exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer.
- 16.3 All steers must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after the sale or at the Steer Superintendents designated time. Swine must be returned to their assigned pen after the sale. All lambs and goats must be returned to their chapter/club pens after the sale. All floored lambs and goats must remain in their chapter/club pens after the sale.
- 16.4 Livestock will not be released until the release is approved by the superintendent. All Poultry and Rabbits will be released on Sunday. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.
- 16.5 All steers, swine, lambs and goats donated back to the exhibitor will be floored. **No livestock, poultry or rabbits may be picked-up without a buyers receipt.**
- 16.6 Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance.

17. **SOLICITATION/RAFFLES** Nothing shall be sold or given or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which will in any way conflict with, or which is subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition. No exhibitor will be allowed in any way to solicit money for sifted livestock, poultry or rabbits. This includes raffles.

**18. UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK POULTRY OR RABBITS** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock, poultry and rabbits. **Unethically fitted animals means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, or any part of the body using drugs, medication, chemicals, or other substances including over the counter medications and extra-label substances or mechanical devices including the insertion or injection of foreign substances including air to alter the physical makeup of or performance of the animal. . All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits are subject to inspection anytime after the validation date. Unethically fitted livestock, poultry or rabbits will be barred from exhibition. The decision of the official veterinarian will be final.**

19. **SHOWING** Any animal or animals properly entered in any show class and passed upon by the sifting committee as eligible for competition must be brought into arena for exhibition, unless the reason for the non-appearance in the ring is acceptable to the superintendent in charge. All steers for exhibition must be shown with halter. All animals to be exhibited must not have their color or appearance altered.

- 20. DRUG RESIDUE** **The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock, poultry and rabbits.** All livestock must be fed, and/or medicated consistent with the direction for use of any and all feed and medicine labeling. All livestock, poultry and rabbits will be subject to having body fluids withdrawn by a licensed veterinarian or their designee for the purpose of testing for drug residue. LIFE will practice Zero-Tolerance.
- 20.1 Livestock to be tested for drug residue will be from Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, randomly, or any suspected animal designated by an Executive Committee made up of the Fair Chairman, the Superintendent of the animal in question, and LIFE Board Members. Testing will begin anytime after the division has been judged. The drug test will be a standard drug test for stockshow livestock from an independent organization having no affiliation to LIFE.
- 20.2 An exhibitor whose exhibit tests positive for drug residue will:
- Forfeit their placing
  - Forfeit their money from the auction sale, premiums, add-ons and floor.
  - Exhibitor and direct siblings, half-siblings, or step-siblings residing in the same household will be banned from participating for two years.

## ***RULES***

- 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES** This Exposition reserves to its Grievance Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Exposition, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Grievance Committee may order. Any grievance will be handled by the Grievance Committee and their decision shall be final.
- 1.1 VIOLATORS** Any exhibitor, parent, 4-H livestock leader, chapter advisor, or volunteer, who threatens or causes in any way a disruption of any activity of the Show will be removed from the fair grounds and barred from further participation.
- 1.2 PROTESTS** It is the intent of L.I.F.E. and its management that all protests and grievances be handled in a professional manner. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Grievance Committee of the Exposition immediately after the occasion for such protest (within 24 hours). Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed with the management prior to the day on which they are to be judged.
- 1.3 ENTRY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** A Grievance Committee will consist of the Fair Chairman, the superintendent of the animal in question and LIFE board members, and will handle all grievances pertaining to entries. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be final. Voting will take place in executive session.
- 2. LIABILITY** All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the management, but the Exposition will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or

article exhibited. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Exposition against all legal or, other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals so exhibited.

3. **SPECIAL RULES** Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary, and if there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will supersede.
4. **RULES COMMITTEE** The Rules and Regulations Committee shall consist of LIFE Directors, Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.

## SPECIAL SALES RULES

- 1. AUCTION SALES** Projects will be sold as specified by L.I.F.E. Rules Committee, **NO EXHIBITOR CAN SELL MORE THAN ONE ENTRY AT THE AUCTION.** Projects not making the sale will be sold at floor price. Exhibitor can sell only once in the ring. In no case will steers, hogs, lambs, or goats after 10<sup>th</sup> place be sold. In no case will poultry or rabbits after 5<sup>th</sup> place be sold. Poultry and rabbits 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded premiums. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale. **NO RE-SALES.**

**1.1 All exhibitors placing Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion, Reserve Champion and 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place must sell their exhibit in the auction (exception is poultry and rabbits 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place; and Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion Agriculture Mechanics if indicated “DO NOT AUCTION” on the entry card on the closing date).**

- In the event that an exhibitor; has two grand champions, one grand and one reserve champion, two reserve champions or two exhibits that are eligible for the sale, the exhibitor will have the option to select which one project will sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the LIFE Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide. **AT NO TIME WILL AN EXHIBITOR BE ALLOWED TO SELL MORE THAN ONE PROJECT. (LIVESTOCK, POULTRY RABBITS, BAKED, CANNED, OR SEWN PRODUCTS, METAL OR WOODWORKING PROJECTS, ETC.)**
- 1.2 Projects will sell freely at the discretion of the buyers. Amounts paid by buyer (and Add-Ons) will follow a free market system. The Buyers Committee, at its discretion, may add monies to help exhibitor.
  - 1.3 Animals will be moved up in Lot # vacated by animals dropped from sale because of exhibitors having other entries. (For Sale Purposes only)
  - 1.4 Projects must be led in sales ring by exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or by someone approved by L.I.F.E. All livestock which goes through this sale will be sold to the highest bidder.
  - 1.5 Projects will be sold by the head, or by the pound, as announced by the auctioneer.
  - 1.6 There is a 7% sale fee on all livestock, poultry, rabbits, baked, canned or sewn products.
  - 1.7 Add-ons will be handled through the L.I.F.E. office; any buyer wishing to give an exhibitor an Add-On may do so.
  - 1.8 Each exhibitor will be responsible for his/her animal until it is placed in loading pens on day of dispersal.
  - 1.9 In absolutely no case does L.I.F.E., The Board of Directors of L.I.F.E., nor L.I.F.E. management guarantee any exhibit or exhibitor the privilege of selling during the auction.
  - 1.10 There will be a fee for the Buyers Courtesy Picture for all exhibitors who sell their livestock, poultry, rabbits, baking, canning, sewing, metal or wood working projects in the auction.

2. **WEIGHING CONDITION OF ANIMALS** All floored livestock will be shrunk 7% upon being weighed.
3. **PARADE** Any exhibitor selling in the auction must be paraded in at least show ring condition and appearance. Animal projects are to be shown in their natural state and are not to wear clothing, hats, etc. or have any products attached to their coat, feathers or skin such as adhesives, spray paints, glitter, etc.
4. **THANK YOU LETTERS** In order for L.I.F.E. to disperse checks, all exhibitors must turn in their buyer's and add-on donor Thank you Letters to their CEA or AST as proof of acknowledgment. LIFE will accept Thank You Letters from CEA and AST only. Envelopes must be addressed, stamped, and sealed. Exhibitors are encouraged to turn in their Thank You Letters as soon as they receive their Buyers/Add-on list of addresses.
5. **FLOORED LIVESTOCK** All steers must be moved to the pens behind the Peterson Auction Barn (old sale barn) after the sale or at the discretion of the steer superintendent. All lambs and goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens. All swine must be returned to their assigned pens during the sale.
  - 5.1 All steers, swine, lambs and goats placing 11<sup>th</sup> and after will be floored.
  - 5.2 The second steer, swine, lamb or goat entry not designated for the sale will be floored.
  - 5.3 All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock, poultry or rabbit not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
6. **PHOTOGRAGHER FEE** All auctioned livestock, poultry, rabbits, baked, canned or sewn products will be charged a buyers photograph fee.
7. **RELEASE OF CHECKS** LIFE will release the checks upon 95% collection of the money from the Add-Ons, Floor, and Auction. The Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents will be notified when the checks will be released.
8. **BUYER SOLICITATION**
  - 8.1 Solicitation gifts to buyers in auction barn is from 11:30am to 12:30pm ONLY!
  - 8.2 There should be no solicitation to buyers around the livestock pen areas.
  - 8.3 There should be no solicitation to buyers around the auction area during the auction or sale.
9. **The Auction will begin at 1:30pm**
  - 9.1 The first 25 lot numbers must be in line by 1:30pm.

## JUDGE'S RULES

Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of this show.

- 1. SELECTION OF JUDGES** The L.I.F.E. Rules & Regulations Committee will select the judges for the livestock shows. The Rules and Regulations Committee shall consist of LIFE Directors, Agriculture Science Teachers, and County Extension Agents. In every case the judges are selected with the utmost care.
- 2. JUDGES DECISION** It is the decision of the judge to determine if the livestock, poultry or rabbit project qualify within the parameters of the Rules and Regulations, weight (judge must read scale), quality, and worthiness of receiving a premium or reward.
- 3. DECISION OF JUDGE(S)** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of sift or judging. In such cases the Fair Chair, livestock committee, or such referee as may be appointed may make a decision or the case may be referred to the Grievance Committee from whose decision there can be no appeal.
- 4. INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES** If any exhibitor, parent, group leader, CEA, AST, volunteer or spectator in anyway interferes with the judges or shows any disrespect to them or the show, either in person or by agent, the management may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, parent, group leader, CEA or AST, volunteer or spectator. The management may also exclude or bar such persons from further competition or participation in any activities including visitations to the fairgrounds and also withhold any premiums that have been awarded.
- 5. TIME OF JUDGING** The Livestock Judging Program as published in these Rules and Regulations will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly on scheduled time will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the ground that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
- 6. METHODS OF AWARDING** No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited before the judge in the show ring.
- 7. UNWORTHY EXHIBITS** Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given any animal or article that is not deserving. Judges are also requested to report to the management any animal upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance. If, after examination by official veterinarian, an animal is found to have been tampered with, it will be barred from further exhibition and no award will be made and stall rent will not be refunded. These rules must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.

8. **ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED** Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified the animals gaining the lower prizes shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
9. **OTHER AWARDS** The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions will receive a banner and trophy.



## **HERDMANSHIP**

1. The Laredo International Fair & Exposition will offer herdmanship awards to the 4-H clubs or FFA Chapters who the judges believe are deserving.
2. Judges will be selected by Fair officials and will remain anonymous. and the decision of the judges will be final.
3. Judging will begin on Wednesday (move-in day) at noon and continue through Saturday.
4. The Herdmanship awards will be presented at the Sale on Saturday.
5. Awards will be presented for the following divisions.
  - Steer Division
  - Swine Division
  - Lamb Division
  - Goat Division
  - Poultry Division
  - Rabbit Division
  - Overall Division
6. The following guidelines will assist the clubs or chapters meet the criteria for the Herdmanship Awards.
  - 6.1 Clubs or chapters should have an exhibit area that is clean, neat and presentable to the public at all times.
  - 6.2 Use decorations that do not use AC current (electrical such as Christmas lights).
  - 6.3 Place decorations that will not fall into the pens, which livestock may eat and become sick. (such as ribbons, balloons, artificial flowers, etc above and inside pens).
  - 6.4 Club or chapter members should be courteous, polite and refrain from using profane or offending language at all times.
  - 6.5 Active participation in cleaning, maintenance and caring for the livestock should be observed at all times.
  - 6.6 Clubs or chapters should strive to have student representatives available to answer questions about the exhibits to the judges and the general public.
  - 6.7 Consideration will be will be given to those clubs or chapters that participate in “Work Days”
  - 6.8 Two clubs or chapters may be awarded the same award if they are assigned the same pen.

## CONDUCT

The board of Directors of LIFE reserves the right to remove and bar, for the remainder of the current show year, the following show year, or indefinitely, anyone participating or engaged, **at any LIFE event**, in:

- unlawful activities
- disruptive behavior
- making material misrepresentation
- fraud
- non-compliance
- committing or causing riotous behavior
- theft

In case of exhibitors, the exhibitor and his/her exhibit(s) will be refused the right to participate for the remainder of the current show year and the following show year or indefinitely. The exhibit(s) may be removed from the fairgrounds and all money from the auction sale, premiums, add-ons, and floor will be forfeited.

All exhibitors must be compliant with their school districts Student Code of Conduct.

## **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST SPECIAL RULES**

The Laredo International Fair & Exposition will sponsor a Showmanship Contest for all livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions.

1. The contest will be held during regular judging or at the discretion of the judge.
2. The contest will be open to all 4-H and FFA members who show their own projects entered in the fair. Substitute exhibitors are not eligible.
3. There will be no entry fee and entries will be made at the show.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to enter only one division.
5. An award will be given to the first place winners in each of the divisions directly after selection of grand and reserve grand champion of that division.
6. Exhibitors must follow their Student Code of Conduct when showing their project(s) in the show ring and auction.

## JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Junior Steer Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical beef production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **September 13, 2017.**
3. The exhibitor must have owned the steer(s) prior to **September 13, 2017** and the steer(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers together. However, each exhibitor must select their own steer for the sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the steers together.

### VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **September 16, 2017** and end when last steer is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time<sub>(sr)</sub>.
2. State validated steers that have been photographed by LIFE personnel and have the photographs on record at the LIFE office prior to validation date may waive attending the September 16, 2017 Validation.
3. Steers will be ear tagged on the left ear and photographed.
4. Steers will not be ear-tagged or photographed inside trailers. They will only be ear-tagged and photographed in the head-stall behind the sale barn or at the discretion of the superintendents.
5. Steers shall have been de-horned, castrated (steers castrated with burdizzos will not be validated) and halter broken prior to date of validation. Unattached horns, scurs, and re-growth that will not cause harm or injury will be accepted.
6. There will be no weight limit at validation time.

### SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018.**
2. Siblings (full, half or step) who live in the same household and raise steers in common may enter into the sift with his/her name and his/her siblings name on the same entry card.
  - 2.1 Exhibitors must determine who will show said steer at the time of sift.
  - 2.2 This rule cannot supercede any general rule, judge's rule, special rule or sales rule.

3. Steers must be slick shorn to 3/8" prior to sift. Slick shorn includes the entire body including legs with the exception of switch and ears.
4. Wild or unruly animals will be sifted at the discretion of the sift judges.
5. Steers will be required to use a security tie while tied to rail.
6. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds on the day of sift. Steers not weighing the minimum 1,000 pounds shall not be eligible and will be sifted.  
**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH STEER.**
7. Steers must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
8. Steers will be divided into five (5) breed divisions. If there are ten (10) or less steers in a Breed Division, the class will be divided into Class 1 and Class 2. If there are eleven (11) or more steers in a Breed Division, the class will be divided into Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.  
Breed Divisions. Steers will be classified in following order.
  - 8.1 American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
  - 8.2 British
  - 8.3 All Other Breeds Red (AOB Red)
  - 8.4 All Other Breeds Black (AOB Black)
  - 8.5 All Other Breeds Other (AOB Other)
  - 8.6 Steers will be classified according to visual breed characteristics.
  - 8.7 Steers will be classified by three judges. The decision of two of the three judges will determine the breed division.
9. All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 6:00 PM on Tuesday the day of the sift. All sifted animals left on the grounds after 6:00 PM become property of L.I.F.E. **(THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED)**.
10. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
11. The classes will be divided by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either AST's, CEA's or a combination of both.
12. Steers shall have been de-horned, castrated and halter broken. Unattached horns, scurs and re-growth that will not cause harm or injury will be accepted.

## **SHOW**

1. Steers will be shown in the following order.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> British
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> AOB Red
  - 4<sup>th</sup> AOB Black
  - 5<sup>th</sup> AOB Other
2. A Division Champion will be selected from the first place steers in each weight class. The second place steer from the class that produced the Division Champion will compete for Reserve Division Champion.
3. The Grand Champion steer of the show will be selected from the Division Champions.
4. The Reserve Division Champion from the division that produced the Grand Champion will compete for Reserve Grand Champion steer of the show.

5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the exhibitor(s) while they are in the show ring during the judging.

### **SALE**

1. All steers will be shrunk 7% upon being weighed.
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. All Steers that are auctioned must be taken to the pens behind the Peterson Sale Barn (old sale barn) after the sale or at the steer superintendents designated time.
4. All Steers that are floored must be taken to the pens behind the Peterson Sale Barn (old sale barn) after the sale or at the steer superintendents designated time.
5. In no case will a steer after tenth place (10<sup>th</sup>) be sold.
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

### **DISPERSAL**

1. Steers without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. Steers may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
3. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance
4. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
5. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.
6. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.

## MARKET SWINE SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Swine Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical swine production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **November 29, 2017**.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the pig(s) prior to **November 29, 2017** and the pig(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.

### VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **December 2, 2017** and end when last pig is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time<sub>(sr)</sub>.
2. State validated swine must show up to be photographed by the swine superintendent.
3. Pigs will be ear tagged on the left ear on validation date.

### SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018**.
2. "Snaring" will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. "Touch-up" clipping will be allowed.
3. Swine Show will not be divided into individual breeds but into weight classes.
4. Weight classes will be:
  - 4.1 Approximate equal numbers in each weight class.
  - 4.2 There will be seven (7) classes if possible.
5. Weight Limits
  - 5.1 Minimum weight: 210 lbs.
  - 5.2 Maximum weight: 280 lbs.**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH PIG.**
6. Pigs must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) is final and not subject to protest.
9. The classes will be divided by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either AST's, CEA's or a combination of both.

## **SHOW**

1. Barrows or open gilts may be shown.
2. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

## **SALE**

1. All swine will be shrunk 7% upon being weighed.
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a pig after tenth place (10<sup>th</sup>) be sold.
4. All pigs must be returned to their assigned pens after they have been sold at the sale. Swine may not be removed from the grounds before 1:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

## **DISPERSAL**

1. Swine without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. All swine that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale.
3. All swine that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale.
4. Swine may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance
6. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
7. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.
8. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.



## MARKET LAMB SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Lamb Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Lamb production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 4, 2017.**
3. The exhibitor must have owned the lamb(s) prior to **October 4, 2017** and the lamb(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. State validated lambs must submit a facial photograph and a side profile photograph with the entry card on the Entry Date (Wednesday before validation).

### VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 7, 2017** and end when the last lamb is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time<sub>(sr)</sub>.
2. State validated lambs must show up to be photographed by the lamb superintendent.
3. Lambs will be ear tagged on the left ear and tattooed on the right ear.
4. All male lambs must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether lambs cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

### SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018.**
2. All lambs must be slick shorn with approximately 3/8" clip prior to weigh and sift. Exception to shearing are the legs below the knees, hocks and poll.
3. Lambs will be divided into the following divisions and will be classified and sifted in numerical order or an order directed by the superintendent.
  - 3.1 Southdown
  - 3.2 Finewool
  - 3.3 Finewool Cross
  - 3.4 Medium Wool
4. Each lamb division will be divided into three classes:
  - Light
  - Medium
  - Heavy

5. Lambs weighing under eighty pounds (80 lbs.) or more than one-hundred fifty pounds (150 lbs.) at the time of official weigh-in will be sifted.  
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH LAMB.
6. Lambs will be of show quality or they will be sifted.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. The classes will be divided by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either AST's, CEA's or a combination of both.

## **SHOW**

1. Lambs will be shown in the following order.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Southdown
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Fine Wool
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Fine Wool Cross
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Medium Wool
2. Ewes or wethers may be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor(s), substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

## **SALE**

1. All lambs will be shrunk 7% upon being weighed.
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a lamb after tenth place (10<sup>th</sup>) be sold.
4. All lambs that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Lambs may not be removed from the grounds before 1:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

## **DISPERSAL**

1. Lambs without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. All lambs that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale.
3. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale.
4. Lambs may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance
6. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
7. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

## MARKET GOAT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Goat Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Goat production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 4, 2017.**
3. The exhibitor must have owned the goat(s) prior to **October 4, 2017** and the goat(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. State validated goat(s) must submit a facial photograph and a side profile photograph with the entry card on the Entry Closing Date (Wednesday before validation).

### VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 7, 2017** and end when the last goat is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time<sub>(sr)</sub>.
2. State validated goats must show up to be photographed by the goat superintendent.
3. Goats will be ear tagged on the left ear, tattooed on the right ear and photographed.
4. All male goats must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether goats cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

### SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018.**
2. All goats must be clipped prior to weighing and sifting and shown with a 3/8" clip. Exception to the clipping are the legs from the knees and below and from the hocks and below.
3. Each goat class will be divided into nine (9) classes after the official weigh-in.
  - Class 1
  - Class 2
  - Class 3
  - Class 4
  - Class 5
  - Class 6
  - Class 7
  - Class 8
  - Class 9

4. The minimum weight for wethers and females will be seventy five (75) pounds and a maximum weight of one hundred twenty (120) pounds.  
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH GOAT.
5. Goats must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
6. Horns must be no longer than five inches at the rear base and must be tipped.  
(Tips of horns must be flat or round).
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. The classes will be divided by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either AST's, CEA's or a combination of both.

### **SHOW**

1. Wether goats and breeding females can be shown.
2. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

### **SALE**

1. All goats will be shrunk 7% upon being weighed.
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a goat after tenth place (10<sup>th</sup>) be sold.
4. All goats that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Goats may not be removed from the grounds before 1:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

### **DISPERSAL**

1. Goats without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. All goats that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale.
3. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale.
4. Goats may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
5. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance
6. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Livestock will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
7. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

## POULTRY SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Poultry Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical poultry production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Date, **December 1, 2017.**
3. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the poultry exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate roaster and broiler chick flocks together and select birds from the common flock for show. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the flock together.

### VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 PM Saturday, **January 27, 2018** and end when the last poultry project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Broilers must be wing banded by the hatchery or exhibitor prior to validation. Roasters and Turkeys will be leg banded (unless they are wing banded) by the superintendents on the day of validation.

### SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018.**
2. All poultry projects will be sifted on the following rules.
  - 2.1 Quality and weight.
  - 2.2 Any birds showing signs of blisters, bruises (other than on wing tips; past last wing joint), cuts, tears, broken or disjointed bones, or any type of external parasites.
  - 2.3 Only Grade "A" poultry will be accepted into the show.
  - 2.4 Missing leg band or wing band.
3. All exhibitors in this division must have their project with them during sifting. No substitutions of birds during sifting, except broilers.
4. There will be four classes:
  - 4.1 One class of Roasters.
    - Single Entry Bird
    - Male or Female
    - Minimum weight 9lbs
    - Maximum weight 20lbs.

- Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
- 4.2 One class of Broilers.
- Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
  - No cocks will be accepted.
  - Pen of Three.
  - Minimum weight, 9 lbs.
  - Maximum weight, 23 lbs.
  - One broiler may be immediately substituted. If the substitute broiler is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.
- 4.3 One class of Turkey Toms
- Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
  - Minimum weight, 20 lbs.
  - Maximum weight, 45 lbs.
- 4.4 One class of Turkey Hens
- Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
  - Minimum weight, 15 lbs.
  - Maximum weight, 38 lbs.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

## **SHOW**

1. Each exhibitor may show two (2) poultry projects, but they must be of different classes.
2. Only the exhibitor(s), substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

## **SALE**

1. Only one poultry project may sell. In no case will any poultry after 5<sup>th</sup> place will be sold. Poultry between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$150.00, 7<sup>th</sup> place - \$125.00, 8<sup>th</sup> place - \$100.00, 9<sup>th</sup> place - \$90.00, 10<sup>th</sup> place \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
2. There is no floor on Poultry.
3. Poultry projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00PM. on the day of the sale or on Sunday the day of dispersal.
4. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer.

5. Any poultry left in the cage after 2:00 PM on Sunday will become the property of L.I.F.E. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

#### **DISPERSAL**

1. Poultry without leg bands or wing bands at the time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. All Poultry that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All Poultry must remain in their club/Chapter pens the day of the sale.
3. Poultry may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
4. Any poultry left in the cage after 2:00 PM on Sunday will become the property of L.I.F.E. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)
5. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance.
6. All Poultry donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Poultry will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any poultry not picked up by 2:00pm will become the property of LIFE.

## **RABBIT SHOW SPECIAL RULES**

The purpose of the Rabbit Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical rabbit production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

### **ENTRIES**

- 1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.**
2. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Date, **December 1, 2017.**
3. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the rabbit(s) exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
4. Entry cards must be delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
5. A fee of \$30.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
6. No late entries will be accepted.
7. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate broiler and fryer rabbits from the same household pen or pens. However, each exhibitor must select their own rabbit(s) from the common group for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the rabbits together.

### **VALIDATION**

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **January 27, 2017** and end when the last rabbit project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Rabbit projects will be tattooed or the existing tattoo will be used. This decision will be at the discretion of the superintendents.

### **SIFT**

1. Sift day will be **February 27, 2018.**
2. All rabbits will be sifted by a professional sifter and all American Rabbit Breeders Association Disqualifications and Eliminations and those present herein shall apply to each entry. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites, (ear canker or mites) fur chewing, hutch stains or physical abnormalities (wolf teeth, buck teeth, butting) will be sifted from the show at the discretion of the sifting judge.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed one weigh-in for all his/her entries. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge. There will be no substituting of rabbits during the weighing and sifting except for fryers.
4. Rabbits will be divided into two divisions.
  - 4.1 Fryer Rabbits
    - A fryer rabbit entry will consist of a meat pen of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety but not necessarily from the same litter.
    - Fryer Rabbits must be born on or after **December 19, 2017** (@ 70 days of age or younger on the day of sift).



- Weight limit is no less than three (3) pounds each, and not over five (5) pounds each.
  - One fryer rabbit may be immediately substituted. If the substitute fryer rabbit is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.
  - If any one fryer rabbit in the pen including the substituted fryer rabbit is sifted, the whole pen is sifted.
- 4.2 Broiler Rabbits
- An entry will consist of one broiler rabbit whose weight should be no less than five and one-half pound (5.5 lbs) and no more than nine pounds (9 lbs).
  - All rabbits entered in this class must be born on or after **August 31, 2017** (@ 180 days of age or younger on the day of sift).
5. Classes will be:
- 5.1 Class I - New Zealand
- 5.2 Class II - All other breeds and cross breeds
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

## **SHOW**

1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
2. If there are more than 40 entries in any class, they will be equally divided into two (2) sub-classes for judging. The top ten (10) in each sub-class will be judged for final placing for the particular class.
3. All rabbit entries will be judged for market meat characteristics.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own approved equipment for feed and water while their rabbits are exhibited.
5. All rabbits must be locked at all times in their assigned cage. Exhibitor must furnish own lock.
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

## **SALE**

1. Only one rabbit project may sell. In no case will any rabbit after 5<sup>th</sup> place will be sold. Rabbits between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$150.00, 7<sup>th</sup> place - \$125.00, 8<sup>th</sup> place - \$100.00, 9<sup>th</sup> place - \$90.00, 10<sup>th</sup> place - \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
2. There is no floor on rabbits.
3. All rabbits must be taken home by the exhibitor. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting buyer, processing (if required) and delivering rabbit to buyer.
4. Any rabbits left in their cage after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will become property of LIFE. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

## **DISPERSAL**

9. All Rabbits that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale.
10. All Rabbits must remain in their club/Chapter pens the day of the sale.
11. Rabbits may not be removed from the grounds before 10:00 AM on Sunday of the fair.
3. Any rabbits left in the cage after 2:00 PM on Sunday will become the property of L.I.F.E. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)
4. Show boxes cannot be removed before 10:00 AM and without security clearance.
5. All Rabbits donated back to the exhibitor must be picked up with the buyers receipt. Rabbits will not be released without the buyers receipt. Any rabbit(s) not picked up by 2:00pm, will become the property of LIFE.
6. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.