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EXPOSITION

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***Livestock Rules &
Regulations***



The L.I.F.E. organization has established a set of general rules that apply to all events it organizes. These general rules are designed to ensure consistency and provide a framework for all participants, regardless of the specific event they are attending.

In addition to these main guidelines, each individual event has its own specific rules and requirements tailored to its unique nature and objectives. These specific rules are detailed in the Laredo Fair Website at laredofair.com, please refer to the Rules & Forms tab and under Rules click the specific event you are participating in so that you can view the specific rules for that event.

The general rules set the standard for all L.I.F.E. events, therefore, it is crucial for L.I.F.E. participants to refer to the handbook for the particular L.I.F.E. event that is being participated in to understand and comply with any additional rules or guidelines specific to that event.

This explanation emphasizes the importance of both the general rules and the specific L.I.F.E. event rules, ensuring all participants know where to find the relevant information.

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GUEST GENERAL RULES

1. Guest Code of Conduct

The Laredo International Fair and Exposition (L.I.F.E.) guests are expected to maintain legal, respectful and appropriate behavior at all times. The L.I.F.E. management reserves the right to deny entry or eject guests displaying illegal, disrespectful or inappropriate behavior as determined by L.I.F.E. management in its sole judgement. Ejected guests will not receive a refund for their tickets nor will they be compensated in any way.

1.1 PROHIBITED CONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

Animal Cruelty

Smoking/vaping in any livestock area

Drug use on fairgrounds

Minors under the age of 21, including those accompanied by their parents, are strictly prohibited from drinking alcohol, tobacco use and/or drug use.

1.2 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

Drunk and disorderly conduct

Fighting or challenging others to fight

Interference with the event or with the participants of the event in any way

Using profanity and/or other offensive words (verbal or written)

Taunting or using offensive language against the exhibitors

Taunting or disturbing livestock

Entering an unauthorized area

Disturbing other guests enjoyment of the event

Failure to comply with directions of management or facility personnel

Or any other conduct deemed inappropriate by the Livestock committee or L.I.F.E. board member.

2. HANDGUNS PROHIBITED

NOTICE: Entry by licensed holder with a concealed and/or open-carry handgun is prohibited.

3. EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the show grounds.

4. PARKING

Everyone must abide by designated parking areas and drop-off/pick-up procedures. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas or blocking roadways will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Vehicles parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people.

5. STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

L.I.F.E will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the show.

6. SECURITY AND POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be available to enforce the L.I.F.E. rules, the law and to keep the peace. The livestock show cannot guarantee that accidents, damage, or loss of property will not occur, but through security service, the show will attempt to prevent such an event from happening.

7. DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SHOW GROUNDS

For safety and public health issues this rule will be strictly enforced. Exceptions will be granted for dogs that are individually trained to perform tasks for a person with disabilities.

8. DEFINITIONS:

CEA – County Extension Agent

AST – Agriculture Science Teacher

L.I.F.E. Participant General Rules

General Rules

1. Tents:

- Tent size allowed will only be the standard 10x10 measurements. Any other tent size will not be permitted.
- All participating clubs/FFA chapters must comply with the tent size of 10x10 to ensure uniformity and safety.
- Tents must be erected in designated assigned areas only. There will be assigned numbers issued to each club/FFA chapter.
- Limitations on one table (for rabbit and poultry area only) and four (4) chairs allowed within each tent to avoid overcrowding.
- Strict guidelines on tent decorations and additional structures not allowed.
- Specific regulations on the type and quantity of animal handling equipment allowed.
- Comprehensive safety inspections conducted prior to and during the fair.
- Clubs are responsible for cleaning up their designated areas daily and before departure.

2. Equipment Allowed:

- Each club/FFA chapter is allowed to bring a limited amount of equipment to maintain order and safety.
- The following limits will apply:
 - Chairs: A maximum of 4 chairs per tent.
 - Goat/Lamb Stands: A maximum of 3 stands per assigned tent.
 - One show rail of max 3 to 5 head rack allowed per assigned tent.
 - Clubs must ensure that all equipment is in good condition and does not pose a safety risk.
- Restrictions on the size and type of equipment allowed to maintain a neat and orderly appearance.
- Clubs are responsible for cleaning up their designated areas daily and before departure.

3. Prohibited Items:

- No sodas, beer, food items, energy drinks
- No cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes pens
- Open flames or cooking equipment.

- Large furniture or bulky items that obstruct pathways. **NOTICE: Any items on the walkways will be asked to be removed or it will be picked up after issuing notice to club/FFA chapter.**

- Hazardous materials or items not related to the fair's activities.

- ATV's, power wheels, scooters, large portable speakers, bicycles other than for medical purposes, law enforcement, and LIFE Fair employees, volunteer, and members. Any other item may be prohibited at the discretion of LIFE management, board, and or Livestock committee.

4. Setup and Dismantling:

- Setup times will be designated by L.I.F.E. and must be strictly adhered to.

- All equipment must be dismantled and removed from the fairgrounds by 6pm on Sunday March 2nd, 2025.

- Clubs are responsible for cleaning up their designated areas daily and before departure.

5. General Conduct:

- Clubs must ensure that their tent area is kept clean and tidy at all times.

- Loud music or disruptive behavior is not permitted.

- Any damage to fairground property must be reported immediately for everyone's safety.

6. L.I.F.E. is not responsible for any personal injuries or loss/damage of personal property.

7. Conduct and Maintenance:

- Maintain cleanliness and report any damages.

- Clubs are responsible for cleaning up their designated areas daily and before departure.

8. Allowable items for clubs/FFA Chapters:

- ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN THE FAIR GROUNDS (No energy drinks, no food items).

- On Sunday, clubs/FFA Chapters are allowed to bring in sealed water bottles (24 or 48 packs limit of only 4 packs).

- Clubs/FFA chapters are allowed to bring in daily water between 8am to 10am. After 10am the security will not allow water to be brought into the fairgrounds.

- Size of ice-chest is limited to 120 quart ice-chest (limit 2 ice-chest per club/FFA chapter). This is to help limit items in your designated area and obstruct pathways or cause inconvenience or safety hazards.

These guidelines aim to ensure a safe, organized, and enjoyable experience for all participants at the L.I.F.E. Fair.

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LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025

<u>Species</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Validation Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Steers	September 3, 2024	September 7, 2024	8:00 A.M.
Lambs	October 15, 2024	October 19, 2024	8:00 A.M.
Goats	October 15, 2024	October 19, 2024	8:00 A.M.
Poultry (Individual Dispersal Date for turkeys, broilers and roasters)	November 4, 2024		
Swine	December 2, 2024	December 7, 2024	8:00 A.M.
Rabbits	January 15, 2025	January 25, 2025	8:00 A.M.
Heifers	TBA		

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS GENERAL RULES

EXHIBITORS

- 1. COMPETITION** - The Competition is open to anyone enrolled in elementary, middle school, Jr. High School, high school, or home school and must be an active member in good standing of an FFA chapter or 4-H club in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally fed and cared for the animal in Webb County in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.), **unless the exhibitor resides outside Webb County and must be reviewed by L.I.F.E. on a case by case basis.**

Exhibitors must be:

1.1 **ACTIVE MEMBERS** An active member of a 4-H Club, FFA or Jr. FFA chapter on or before November 1st of the year immediately preceding the next L.I.F.E. Livestock Show and continue to be in good standing at the time of show. Exhibitors must be 8 years old (before September 1st) and in the 3rd grade.

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 **EXHIBITOR CONDUCT**

Any exhibitor participating or engaging, at any L.I.F.E. event, in any of the following:

- unlawful activities
- disruptive behavior
- making material misrepresentation
- theft or fraud
- non-compliance
- committing or causing riotous behavior
- smoking, vaping, tobacco use, alcohol or drug use

- or any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the Livestock committee or L.I.F.E. board member
may be subject to disqualification (refer to section 1.4 Disqualification)

1.4 DISQUALIFICATION Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair. Furthermore, the projects(s) shall be removed from the fairgrounds and all money from the auction sale, premiums, add-ons, and floor will be forfeited if deemed appropriate by the ethics committee.

1.5 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT All exhibitors must be compliant with their school district Student Code of Conduct.

1.6 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS - Exhibitors unable to show a livestock project due to illness and/or emergency may have a Substitute Exhibitor show in their place.

- All Substitute Exhibitors must comply with L.I.F.E Rules and Regulations.
- A Substitute Exhibitor must be a current year Exhibitor.
- An Exhibitor can only substitute for one Exhibitor per year.
- Exhibitors, including Substitute Exhibitors, can only show two (2) projects per year. (Ex: Exhibitor entering two projects cannot then serve as Substitute Exhibitor.)
- All Substitute Exhibitors must be approved in order to participate.
- Substitute Exhibitor Cards are available at the L.I.F.E. office or with the Livestock Superintendent.
- Substitute Exhibitor Cards are required for Show and/or Sale.
- Substitute Exhibitor Cards must be turned in to the Livestock Superintendent complete with the signature of Parent or Legal Guardian and County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) before 10am on Monday, February 24th, 2025 (ONLY EMERGENCIES THAT OCCUR AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED.)

1.7 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR FOR SHOW ONLY: Substitute Exhibitor for show will ONLY be approved for the following reasons:

- Death of immediate family member.
- Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor’s documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during the show).
- Exhibitor competing with two livestock projects in the same class.
- Denial by a schools administration for academic reasons such as testing. Must be accompanied by documentation. Other extracurricular activities will not be approved.

1.8 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR FOR AUCTION ONLY: Substitute Exhibitor for auction will ONLY be approved for the following reasons:

- Death of immediate family member.
- Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor’s documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during the show).

- Denial of participation by school administration for academic reasons, such as, testing. Must be accompanied by documentation from the school principal or designee. Other extracurricular activities will not be approved.
- School approved UIL activities. Must be accompanied by documentation from the school principal or designee.

1.9 EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR

- In the case that an injury occurs at time of show, **ONLY** an eligible substitute exhibitor may participate in the place of the exhibitor.

1.10 DRESS CODE (FOR SHOW AND AUCTION) - Blouses and shirts must have sleeves and must cover the midriff and lower back. Halters, open chest, bare backs, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, see through garments, **SHALL NOT** be permitted. Pants/jeans must be of an appropriate length. For example, using flare jeans that are too long and cause a safety concern of exhibitor tripping while handling the animal **will not be permitted**. In addition, clothing with school/university affiliation, symbols, inappropriate language, phrases or slogans advertising tobacco, alcohol products, controlled substances or political advertisements are unacceptable. Any exhibitor not in compliance with the dress code will be asked to change attire. If the shirt or blouse is not appropriate, L.I.F.E. will provide an appropriate shirt at the time of show or auction. An additional fee will be assessed if a shirt is provided to the exhibitor.

2. LIVESTOCK JUDGING COMPETITION- The Livestock Judging Committee reserves the right to use any animal from the livestock on exhibit for the participation in the Livestock Judging competition to be held during the Fair on **Friday February 28th, 2025**. If failure to comply with rules the exhibitor may be disqualified (**See Section 1.4 DISQUALIFICATION**). On the day of the Livestock Judging competition, absolutely **NO** youth exhibitors will be allowed in the Pavilion.

ENTRIES

- 1. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY** All applications for entries must be printed completely on entry cards and in accordance with instructions. Entry cards must be signed by the exhibitor, instructor, and parent or legal guardian, and delivered to the L.I.F.E. office only by the CEA or AST.
 - 1.1 Incomplete Entry Cards will be rejected as received.
 - 1.2 Entry Cards found to make material misrepresentations will be denied at any time and Exhibitor may be subject to disqualification (**see section 1.4 Disqualification**) in current and future L.I.F.E. participation.
 - 1.3 **ANIMAL RESIDENCY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH L.I.F.E. ENTRY FORM**
Physical address of animal residency must be provided in writing at validation.
 - 1.4 Each Entry Card must include the entry fee paid by Cashier's Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, 4-H Club Check. **CASH will be accepted**. Personal, Family or Business Checks are not accepted. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS**.
 - 1.5 **ENTRY FEE** for each division is **\$30.00**, including Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Heifers.

1.6 ENTRY CARD DEADLINE: All entry cards for livestock, poultry and rabbits must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 P.M. on the closing Date. No exceptions.

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2. LIMIT OF ENTRIES

2.1 Validate any number of exhibits.

2.2 Enter a total of two exhibits only through the Sift.

2.3 Exhibitors may show up to a total of eight (8) projects. However, the Exhibitor may not show no more than two projects/exhibits per division which includes Livestock (including Poultry and Rabbits), Ag Mechanics, Canning, Baking and Sewing, and Art. (Breeding livestock for exhibition are not included)

Example: Two (2) Livestock (including poultry & rabbits) projects, Two (2) Ag Mechanics projects, Two (2) Canning, Baking or Sewing projects, and Two (2) Art projects for a total of eight (8) exhibits.

2.4 If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.

2.5 An exhibitor may sell one (1) Livestock project (including Poultry and Rabbits) and one (1) Non-Livestock project (Ag Mechanics, Canning, Baking, Sewing or Art).

3. SIBLINGS Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate livestock, rabbit and poultry together. However, each exhibitor must select their own project for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household, and they must raise the projects together. **This must be decided at the time of sift.**

4. ELIGIBILITY FORM –

In accordance with Texas Education Agency and local public school board policies, L.I.F.E. will require all 4-H and FFA exhibitors to submit a House Bill 72 form/Eligibility form. Form must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office by CEA/AST by the date set forth by the Livestock committee and L.I.F.E. Board. ANY EXHIBITOR THAT DOES NOT SUBMIT FORM BY DEADLINE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY L.I.F.E. ACTIVITIES. 4-H House Bill 72 form does supersede the L.I.F.E. eligibility form and must still be turned in to the 4-H Extension Office.

5. Club/FFA Chapter Set up Area Rules – Tent assignments will be assigned by the superintendents of each division before checking in on the day of sift. Assignments are made at the discretion of the Livestock Committee and are subject to change. **This area is assigned to allow club/chapters an area to place their livestock equipment and fit their projects.** Tents are to be set up only in the area designated by the Livestock Superintendents. Anyone not complying with these rules will result in forfeiture of assigned area or disqualification to be handled at the discretion of the Livestock Committee (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).

5.1 No hammocks, No oversized speakers allowed.

5.2. Area must be organized and well-kept from Monday-Saturday night.

5.3. Tents size allowed will be only 10x10 tent and only allowed to be set up in the designated area assigned by Livestock Committee.

LIVESTOCK

L.I.F.E is a terminal show. All livestock will become property of L.I.F.E. after 10am on sift day. Only sifted projects will be allowed to be removed from Webb County Fairgrounds. L.I.F.E. will not be liable for any loss of any Livestock, Poultry or Rabbits due to theft, illness or death. L.I.F.E. management retains the right to inspect all exhibitor livestock project(s) at any time during the feeding period with or without notice. Any exhibitor in violation is subject to disqualification (see section 1.4 Disqualification).

- 1. STALLS, PENS, TIES** Stalls, pens and ties will be assigned by the superintendents of each division before checking in on the day of sift. Assignments are made at the discretion of the Livestock Committee and are subject to change.
- 2. LOSS OF EAR TAG** Livestock projects not having an official ear tag, state validation tag, leg band, wing band or tattoo or improperly documented identification may be sifted. Exhibitors with livestock projects missing ear tags, leg bands or wing bands before dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine. 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 retag animal. Tagging and/or retagging will be done only by division superintendent or superintendent's designee. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- 3. STATE NUMBERS** Livestock may use state validation ear tag numbers instead of L.I.F.E. validation ear tag numbers. If at the time of validation, state validation has not occurred the project must be tagged with the L.I.F.E ear tag. State validated livestock must complete a L.I.F.E. Exhibitor card and pay the L.I.F.E. entry fee.
- 4. CHECK IN** All livestock, poultry, and rabbits must check in by 10:00AM on the day of sift. All livestock will become property of L.I.F.E. after 10am on sift day.
- 5. DISEASED ANIMALS BARRED** - No animals having a disease of any character will be admitted into the show grounds at any time. The livestock superintendent may prohibit the unloading or direct the removal of any livestock having a disease or undesirable

ailment/condition. In certain cases, a licensed veterinarian has the authority to instruct the proper care of the animal and/or the possibility of euthanizing the animal, disposal or removal of the animal.

6. **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, except where there are 3 judges in the classification/sift (see section 1.3 Protests).
7. **CARE OF ANIMALS** Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their livestock, poultry and rabbits.

7.1 GROOMING/FITTING/FEEDING/DRENCHING

- All livestock, poultry and rabbits must be fed and provided with water until Saturday night. Any livestock, poultry or rabbits that are abandoned will become the property of L.I.F.E. An exhibitor in violation of complying with the rules forfeits any money from the sale, premiums, add-ons and floor and may be disqualified from current and future L.I.F.E. participation.

- Only CEA, AST, respective 4-H adult leaders and immediate family may assist exhibitors with grooming, fitting and feeding on the show grounds during the fair. Any exhibitor in violation is subject to disqualification (see Section 1.4 Disqualification).

7.2 SURGERY/MEDICATIONS

- No surgery shall be performed, nor medications given to livestock, poultry or rabbits during the fair without prior approval from the livestock superintendent and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

8. **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.

9. **DRUG RESIDUE** 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. L.I.F.E. will practice zero tolerance.

9.1 **DRUG TESTING** 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 Livestock committee members, the Superintendent of the animal in question, and designated L.I.F.E. Board of Director. Testing will begin any time after the division has been judged. The drug test will be a standard drug test for stock show livestock from an independent organization having no affiliation with L.I.F.E.

9.2 **POSITIVE DRUG RESULT** An exhibitor whose exhibit tests positive for drug residue or chemical will:

- Be disqualified

- 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 may be banned from participating for two years.

9.3 Drug Policy

- **Prohibited Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any prohibited drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other prohibited medication. A list of Prohibited Drugs can be found on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website.
- **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular species or if extra label drugs have been used under the guidance of a veterinarian, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug at weigh-in or show. All animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time of weigh-in. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system throughout the duration of the show) is generally longer than the labeled FDA withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the fair, Exhibitor must agree to submit for inspection, any animal entered by the Exhibitor. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by L.I.F.E. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by L.I.F.E. superintendents as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E. Further, L.I.F.E. specifically reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratory analysis collected and examined on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been completely eliminated from approved drugs shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E.

9.4 DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE

- The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and a minimum of one random lot in each market species will be drug tested. The number of lots tested will be consistent across all species.
- Random selection will take place before exit from show ring once placings have been announced. Exhibitors will be escorted to designated drug testing area.
- Exhibitor/substitute exhibitor and or parent/legal guardian/CEA/AST must be present at all times during the collection process.
- A specimen will be collected on all livestock by an authorized collecting team member that is not affiliated with L.I.F.E.
- Samples will be logged and signed by the collecting team member and exhibitor.
- Samples will be sent out to a laboratory that has no affiliation with L.I.F.E. for testing.

10.CARE OF STALLS AND PENS All stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 A.M. each day and waste matter disposed of as the Livestock Superintendent may direct.

10.1 Exhibitors will be assigned stall space, pen space or ties for all projects.

10.2 All projects include steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry and rabbits.

- 10.3 All projects must be exhibited in their designated areas at all times.
- 10.4 An exhibitor/organization may be held liable for any damage to areas, stalls or pens.
- 10.5 No locks of any kind will be allowed on any pens, stalls, or cages.
- 10.6 No surveillance technology of any kind as determined by L.I.F.E. will be permitted on the fairgrounds. Failure to comply shall result in disqualification. (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).

11. 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 at all times.

12. SHOW RING ONLY the exhibitor or substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring while competing or otherwise showing their project.

12.1 Any Exhibitor unable to handle their own project will not be allowed to participate.

12.2 Exhibitors with a disability must make arrangements for special accommodations with livestock superintendents.

12.3 No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

12.4 Any animal or animals properly entered in any show class and passed upon by 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.

13. REFUSAL OR INABILITY TO SHOW Exhibitors, or their substitutes, who are unable or refuse to show their project during competition will forfeit their opportunity to sell at the auction.

14. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY OR RABBITS

14.1 No livestock will be released unless approved by Livestock Superintendent or designee.

14.2 All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 8:00 P.M. on Monday the day of the sift. All sifted animals remaining on the grounds after 8:00 P.M. become property of L.I.F.E.

14.3 No projects may be removed from grounds before 3:00 pm on Sunday of the fair week. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-On, premiums, and exhibitor may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely. (See Section 1.4, Disqualification).

14.4 All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits require the buyer's receipt for release. Any livestock, poultry or rabbit not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.

15. RELEASE AND DISPERSAL

15.1 All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits require the buyer's receipt for release. **Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits may be picked up between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. on Sunday.** Animals remaining after 5:00 p.m. become the property of L.I.F.E.

15.2 Livestock will not be released unless approved by the Livestock Superintendent.

15.3 All animals donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.

15.4 Exhibitor show boxes can be removed between **3:00pm and 5:00pm** with security clearance.

16. **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 L.I.F.E. No exhibitor will be allowed in any way to solicit money for sifted livestock, poultry or rabbits, including raffles. Solicitation of any kind shall lead to exhibitor disqualification (see Section 1.4 Disqualification)

RULES

1. **INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES** L.I.F.E. management reserves to its Grievance Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, determine and settle all matters, questions, and differences.

1.1 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

- The Grievance Committee will consist of the L.I.F.E. President, Livestock Superintendent or designee, and L.I.F.E. Board Members. Any grievance will be handled by the Grievance Committee in executive session and their decision shall be final.

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 must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Grievance Committee immediately after the occasion for such protest (within 24 hours).
- All protests must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
- Any protest as to 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 VIOLATORS

- If the exhibitor is found to have violated any of the rules, the exhibitor will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Grievance Committee may order (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
- 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 L.I.F.E. Show will be removed from the fairgrounds and barred from further participation.

2. **LIABILITY** L.I.F.E. 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. The exhibitor shall indemnify L.I.F.E. 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 livestock species where necessary, and if there is a conflict between the special rules of any livestock species and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will supersede.

4. **RULES COMMITTEE** - The Rules and Regulations Committee shall consist of L.I.F.E. Board of directors, Livestock Superintendents, AST's and CEA's.

SPECIAL SALE 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. In no case will steers, hogs, lambs or goats after 8th place be sold. Livestock placing 9th and 10th will be awarded a premium. In no case will poultry or rabbits after 5th place be sold. Poultry and rabbit's 6th through 10th place will be awarded premiums. An exhibitor awarded a premium on one project will not be allowed to sell another project at the auction. NO RE-SALES.
- 1.1 All exhibitors placing Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Breed Champion, Reserve Breed Champion and 1st to 8th place must sell their exhibit in the auction (exception is poultry and rabbits – Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 1st to 5th place). In the event that an exhibitor has two exhibits that are eligible for the sale, the exhibitor will have the option to select which project will sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.
 - 1.2 Projects will sell freely at the discretion of the buyers. Amounts paid by the buyer will follow a free market system and sold to the highest bidder. The Buyers Committee, at its discretion, may add monetary donation 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 or substitute exhibitor approved by livestock committee.
 - 1.5 Projects will be sold by the head, or by the pound, as announced by the auctioneer.
 - 1.6 A sale commission not to exceed 5% will be withheld from each exhibitor on all livestock, poultry and rabbits. This amount will be determined and voted on by the L.I.F.E Board at the meeting during which the fair budget is determined.
 - 1.7 Anyone may donate to an exhibitor via an Add-on. Add-ons will be handled through the L.I.F.E. office. Need not be a buyer to give an Add-On.
 - 1.8 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.
2. **BUYER SOLICITATION** There will be no solicitation of any kind from the exhibitors to the buyers during the fair. Letters may be sent to the buyers in advance of the fair through L.I.F.E.'s Buyer's list provided to the AST or CEA.
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. All rabbit and poultry projects will be paraded only in the provided undecorated holder.
- 3.1 Rabbits and poultry are only to be shown at auction in carrier assigned by Livestock committee. No decorated boxes, carriers, or wagons will be allowed in auction.
4. **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Exhibitors agree to present their projects for photographs. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at L.I.F.E. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any L.I.F.E. event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with L.I.F.E., you consent to the use of photos/videos for advertising, news reporting or public relations and you release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity.

5. FLOORED LIVESTOCK

All livestock that are floored must remain in their assigned pen/tie.

5.1 Projects not making the sale will be sold at floor price.

5.2 Floor proceeds will be awarded to the exhibitor.

5.3 If applicable, Exhibitors showing two exhibits/projects must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit.

5.4 All floored livestock will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

6. THANK YOU LETTERS

All exhibitors proceed checks will be dispersed upon receiving Thank You letters. All Thank You letters must be prepared by the exhibitor for each buyer and Add-On donor and must be in envelopes, 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. All thank you letters must be submitted to L.I.F.E. office by the second Friday in May (May 9, 2025). Late submissions will be accepted after the deadline through the second Friday in June (June 13, 2025); and a 10% late fee will be assessed. After this time, Exhibitor forfeits all funds and funds will be allotted for L.I.F.E. scholarship fund.

7. CHECK DISBURSEMENT POLICY

Exhibitors shall be given the option to request for their check to be mailed (USPS). A \$20.00 processing fee will be assessed should the exhibitor voluntarily opt to request such service. In order to make such request, exhibitors must have complied with all required documents (i.e. W-9 Form). Fee will only be assessed for checks of over \$100. Exhibitors will have 90-days to cash checks from the date of issuance (date on check). All checks will be voided on the 91st day from the date of issuance. Should the exhibitor require a check to be re-printed, a \$50.00 processing fee will be assessed. Exhibitors must pick-up checks by 5:00 p.m. at the L.I.F.E. Office by September 30th; should September 30th fall on a weekend, exhibitors shall have until the next business day to pick-up their check. Failure to pick-up checks will result in the forfeiture of funds. Forfeited funds will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund.

8. RELEASE OF CHECKS

L.I.F.E. will release the checks upon 95% collection of the money from the Add-Ons, Floor, and Auction. The AST and CEA will be notified when the checks are released.

9. PARENTS WHO ARE BUYERS

Any exhibitor with a parent who is a buyer or main contact of a buyer's group who still has an outstanding balance on September 1, 2024, will not be allowed to participate. Their

entries will not be accepted, and their auction checks can be held as payment for their parent's outstanding debt.

JUDGING RULES

1. **SELECTION OF JUDGES** The L.I.F.E. Judges Committee will select the judges for the livestock shows. The Judges Committee may consist of L.I.F.E. Directors, Livestock Superintendents, AST and CEA. In every case the judges are selected with the highest degree of integrity.
2. **JUDGES DECISION** It is the decision of the judge to determine if the livestock, poultry or rabbit project qualifies within the parameters of the Rules and Regulations, weight (judge must read scale), quality, and worthiness of receiving a premium or reward. Sift judges have the authority to sift animals based on quality.
3. **DECISION IS FINAL** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except in a case where fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of sift or judging is later confirmed. *See General Rules, Grievance Process-Protests 1.3.*
4. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES** No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring. *See General Rules, Conduct & Disqualification.*
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 at 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 to any animal or article that is not deserving. Judges will report to the management any animal which appears to be altered. *See General Rules, Livestock page 9.*
8. **ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED** If an animal awarded a prize is disqualified then the animals gaining the lower prizes shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them when, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes

HERDSMANSHIP

1. The L.I.F.E. management will offer herdsmanship awards to the 4-H clubs or FFA Chapters.
2. The following guidelines will assist the clubs or chapters meet the criteria for the Herdsmanship Awards.
 - 2.1 Clubs or chapters should have an exhibit area that is clean, neat and presentable to the public at all times.
 - 2.2 **Decorations will be limited to Exhibitor Cards attached to board or another hardback. No other decorations will be allowed as they pose a safety hazard to all animals. No club or chapter signs will be allowed.**
 - 2.3 Active participation in cleaning, maintenance and caring for the livestock should be observed at all times.
 - 2.4 Clubs or chapters should strive to have student representatives available to answer questions about the exhibits to the judges and the general public.
 - 2.5 Consideration will be given to those clubs or chapters that participate in L.I.F.E. sponsored "Clean-up Days."
 - 2.6 Two clubs or chapters may be awarded the same award if they are assigned the same pen.
3. Judges will be selected by L.I.F.E. Board and will remain anonymous and the decision of the judges will be final.
4. Judging will begin on Tuesday (move-in day) at noon and continue through Saturday.
5. Awards will be presented to the following divisions.
 - Steer Division
 - Swine Division
 - Lamb Division
 - Goat Division
 - Poultry Division
 - Rabbit Division
 - Overall Division
6. The Herdsmanship awards will be presented at the auction on Saturday.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST SPECIAL RULES

L.I.F.E. will sponsor a Showmanship Contest for all livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions.

1. The contest will be held at the completion of the last class of 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 contestants will be chosen by the judge during the show.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to enter only one division.
- 11 Only one showmanship award will be given to one (1) Junior and one (1) Senior exhibitor in each division: steer, swine, lamb, goat, rabbit, turkey, and poultry.
- 12 **There will be a Junior and Senior Division. The Junior Division is exhibitors age 8 to 13 years old at the time of show and Senior Division is 14 to 18 years old at the time of show.**

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 accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (**Monday** before validation) **September 3, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the steer(s) prior to **September 3, 2024** and the steer(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the exhibitor during the feeding period within Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any steer from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own steer for 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 7, 2024** and end when the last steer of the scheduled time frame is validated.
2. Validation time slots will be organized by club/chapter.
3. State validated steers that have been photographed by L.I.F.E. personnel and have the photographs on record at the L.I.F.E. office prior to validation date may waive attending the September 7, 2024 Validation.
4. Steers will be ear tagged on the left ear and photographed.
5. Steers will not be ear tagged or photographed inside trailers. They will only be ear-tagged and photographed in the designated area.
6. 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.
7. There will be no weight limit at validation time.
8. Exhibitor presence is not mandatory but is strongly recommended.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2025**.

2. Steers must be slick shorn to 3/8" prior to sift. Slick shorn includes the entire body, including legs, with the exception of switch. ONLY "TOUCH-UP" CLIPPING WILL BE PERMITTED.
3. Wild or unruly steers will be sifted at the discretion of the sift judges.
4. Steers not weighing the minimum 1,000 pounds after reweighing shall not be eligible and will be sifted. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH STEER (except in the case where animal is weighing outside weight limit, only one immediate reweigh will be allowed).
5. Steers must be of show quality, or they will be sifted upon discretion of sift judge.
6. Steers will be divided into five (5) breed divisions. If there are twelve (12) or less steers in a Breed Division, the class will be divided into Class 1 and Class 2. If there are thirteen (13) 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 the following order:
 - 6.1 American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
 - 6.2 British
 - 6.3 All Other Breeds Red (AOB Red)
 - 6.4 All Other Breeds Black (AOB Black)
 - 6.5 All Other Breeds Other (AOB Other)
 - 6.6 Steers will be classified according to visual breed characteristics.
 - 6.7 Steers will be classified by three judges. The decision of two of the three judges will determine the breed division.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members, either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
9. Steers will be required to use a security tie at all times. No makeshift security ties will be allowed. Failure to follow this rule will be disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
10. All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 8:00 PM on Monday the day of sift. All sifted animals left on the grounds after 8:00 PM become property of L.I.F.E. **(THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED)**.
11. In the case that an exhibitor is not present for sift and weigh, LAST CALL will be announced three times. If the exhibitor still has not arrived, the project will be disqualified, and the animal must be removed from fairgrounds by 8:00 PM.

SHOW

1. Steers will be shown in the following order.
 - 1st American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
 - 2nd British
 - 3rd AOB Red
 - 4th AOB Black
 - 5th 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 or 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.
6. ***For the safety of all the exhibitors, wild or unruly steers may be secured and/or removed from the show ring at the judge's discretion.***

SALE

1. All steers that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned club or chapter tie after they are auctioned.
2. All steers that are floored must remain tied at their assigned club or chapter tie.
3. In no case will a steer after eighth place (8th) be sold.
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All steers will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with steers missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All steers must remain at the club or chapter tie on Sunday of the fair.
3. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 3:00 pm and 5:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
4. Show boxes can be removed after 3:00 pm and with security clearance.
5. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
6. Theft of Livestock may result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely if determined that the exhibitor violated L.I.F.E Rules (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).

Any violation of the Livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

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 accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, **(Monday before validation) December 2, 2024.** No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the hog(s) prior to **December 2, 2024** and the pig(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any swine from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate swine with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own swine for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household, and they must raise the swine together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **December 7, 2024** and end when the last swine of the scheduled time frame is validated.
2. Validation time slots will be organized by club/chapter.
3. State validated swine that have been photographed by L.I.F.E. personnel and have the photographs on record at the L.I.F.E. office prior to validation date may waive attending the December 2, 2023, validation.
4. Swine will be ear tagged on the left ear on validation date.
5. **All barrows must be castrated before day of validation.**

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2025.**
2. "Snaring" will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. Only "Touch-up" clipping will be allowed.
3. Swine Show will be divided into up to eight (8) weight classes.
4. Weight Limits
 - 4.1 Minimum weight: 210 lbs. (two hundred ten pounds)
 - 4.2 Maximum weight: 285 lbs. (two hundred eighty five pounds)

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH SWINE. In the case where the animal weighs outside the set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.

5. There will be a (2) two-pound tolerance at weigh-in.
6. Swine must be of show quality, or they will be sifted by sift judges.
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
7. The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) are final and not subject to protest.
8. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
9. In the case that an exhibitor is not present for sift and weigh, LAST CALL will be announced three times. If the exhibitor still has not arrived, the project will be disqualified, and the animal must be removed from fairgrounds by 8:00 PM.

SHOW

1. Barrows or open gilts may be shown.
2. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or 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 that is sold in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
3. All swine that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.
4. In no case will swine after eighth place (8th) be sold.
5. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
6. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
7. All swine will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with swine missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
3. Show boxes can be removed after 3:00 pm and with 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 if determined that the exhibitor violated L.I.F.E Rules (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

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 accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Tuesday before validation) **October 15, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the lamb(s) prior to **October 15, 2024** and the lamb(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any lamb from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office, and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate lambs with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own lamb for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household, and they must raise the lambs together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 19, 2024** and end when the last lambs of the scheduled time frame is validated.
2. Validation time slots will be organized by club/chapter.
3. State validated lambs that have been photographed by L.I.F.E. personnel and have the photographs on record at the L.I.F.E. office prior to validation date may waive attending the October 19, 2024, validation.
4. Lambs will be ear tagged on the left ear and tattooed on the right ear.
5. All male lambs must be castrated prior to validation.
6. Wether lambs cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2025**.
2. All lambs must be slick shorn with approximately 3/8" clip prior to arrival. Exception to shearing are the legs below the knees, hocks and poll. **ONLY TOUCH-UP CLIPPING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

3. All lamb must be presented for official weighing and class assignment without any blankets, halters, or any other such paraphernalia that may alter the true weight of the lamb.
4. Lambs will be divided into the following divisions and will be classified and sifted in numerical order or an order directed by the superintendent.
 - 4.1 Southdown
 - 4.2 Finewool
 - 4.3 Finewool Cross
 - 4.4 Medium Wool
5. Lambs weighing under ninety pounds (90 lbs) for southdowns and one hundred pounds (100 lbs.) for fine wool, fine wool cross and medium wool or more than **one hundred sixty-five pounds (165 lbs.)** at the time of official weigh-in will be sifted.
6. There will be a (1) one pound tolerance at weigh-in.
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH LAMB. In the case where the animal weighs outside the set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
7. Lambs will be of show quality, or they will be sifted by the sift judge.
8. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
9. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members, either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
10. Last call will be announced three times, in the case that an exhibitor does not present for sift and weigh the project will be disqualified and the animal must be removed from fairgrounds by 8:00 PM.

SHOW

1. Lambs will be shown in the following order.
 - 1st Southdown
 - 2nd Fine Wool
 - 3rd Fine Wool Cross
 - 4th Medium Wool
2. Each lamb division will be divided into three classes:
 - Light
 - Medium
 - Heavy
3. Ewes or wethers may be shown.
4. Only the exhibitor(s), substitute exhibitor or superintendent or 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 that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
2. All lambs that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.

3. **In no case will a lamb after eighth place (8th) be sold.**
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All lambs will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with lambs missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All lambs that are auctioned must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the Fair.
3. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the Fair.
4. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
5. Show boxes can be removed after 3:00pm and with security clearance.
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 if determined that the exhibitor violated L.I.F.E Rules.

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

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 accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Tuesday before validation) **October 15, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the goat(s) prior to **October 15, 2024**, and the goat(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any goat from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office, County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate goats with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own goat for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household, and they must raise the goats together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 19, 2024** and end when the last goat of the scheduled time frame is validated.
2. Validation time slots will be organized by club/chapter.
3. State validated goats that have been photographed by L.I.F.E. personnel and have the photographs on record at the L.I.F.E. office prior to validation date may waive attending the October 21, 2023, validation.
4. Goats will be ear tagged on the left ear, tattooed on the right ear and photographed.
5. All male goats must be castrated prior to validation.
6. Wether goats cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2025**.
2. All goats must be clipped prior to arrival 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. **ONLY TOUCH-UP CLIPPING WILL BE ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS.**

3. All goats must be presented for official weighing and class assignment without any blankets, halters, or any other such paraphernalia that may alter the true weight of the goat.
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. In the case where the animal weighs outside the weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
5. There will be a (1) one pound tolerance at weigh-in.
6. Goats must be of show quality, or they will be sifted.
7. Horns must be no longer than five inches at the rear base and must be tipped.
(Tips of horns must be flat or round, not less than the diameter of a dime at the end).
8. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
9. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members, either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
10. LAST CALL will be announced three times, In the case that an exhibitor does not present for sift and weigh the project will be disqualified and the animal must be removed from fairgrounds by 8:00 PM.

SHOW

1. Goat classes will be divided into three (3) divisions of three (3) classes after the official weigh-in:
 - Light weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Medium weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Heavy weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
2. Wether goats and breeding females can be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or 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 that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
2. All goats that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.

3. In no case will a goat after eighth place (8th) be sold.
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All goats will be **shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7%** upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with goats missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All goats that are auctioned must remain in the club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
3. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
4. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
5. Show boxes can be removed after 3:00pm and with security clearance.
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 if determined that the exhibitor violated L.I.F.E Rules.

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

POULTRY SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Poultry Show is to encourage the production and marketing of better broiler, roasters, and turkeys and demonstrate to 4-H Club members and F.F.A. Chapter members the importance of grading standards and selection techniques to encourage them in the field of poultry science.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and A.S.T. or C.E.A.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 pm on the Entry Closing Date, **November 4, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The Exhibitor must have fed and cared for the Poultry exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any poultry from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the L.I.F.E office, and C.E.A. or A.S.T. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. Direct siblings, half-siblings, or step-siblings may validate **toms, hens**, roasters, and broilers 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. **No other family members or friends will be allowed to validate.**
7. All poultry pens must be kept clean, fed, and watered as needed throughout the day during the fair week beginning at 8am and/or specified by the Poultry Superintendent. The poultry pen must also be checked prior to closing at the end of the day.
8. Poultry committee members will conduct periodic checks of poultry pens to ensure that pens are clean, and birds are fed and watered daily. Exhibitors will receive a warning if the pens are not cleaned, and the birds are not fed and watered. A second warning may result in possible action to be determined by the L.I.F.E. livestock committee and/or Board.
9. All pathways and walkways must be clear and free of all obstructions or obstacles to prevent injuries to any person(s) or animals.
10. All poultry pens must be prepared for viewing by exhibitors or their designees daily between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the fair.
11. NO items shall be placed on top of poultry pens. Any damages to the poultry pens will be the responsibility of the Exhibitors, 4H Clubs, Jr. F.F.A., or F.F.A. Chapters assigned to the poultry pen(s).
12. All poultry exhibitors showing turkeys and roasters will **ONLY** bring one (1) bird to show at the fair. Poultry Exhibitors will **NOT** bring any extra or spare birds to the fair. Poultry Exhibitors showing a pen of Broilers (three (3) birds) will bring **ONLY** one (1) substitute bird to the fair. (Broiler Exhibitors will **ONLY** bring their best four (4) birds).

VALIDATION

1. Validation for turkeys, broilers, and roasters will be at a time designated by the poultry superintendent and/or his designee. It will end when the last poultry project is dispersed and validated.
2. Validation will be on the same day as the dispersal of the Poultry Class.
3. Broilers, roasters, and turkeys will be leg/wing banded by the hatchery and verified on the day of dispersal/validation.
4. Exhibitors are permitted to validate multiple poultry projects, including birds within the same class. Each poultry project intended to be shown at the fair must have an entry card and be presented in the appropriate class.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be on **February 24, 2025**.
2. All poultry projects will be sifted on the following rules by a qualified sifter who is appointed by L.I.F.E., and all birds will be examined by him/her to determine live market value.
 - 2.1 Any birds showing symptoms of sickness, disease, or external parasites will be excluded from the exhibition at the discretion of the sifting judge or the judge if discovered during the Show. Bruising and/or breast blisters (other than on wing tips; past last wing joint), cuts, tears, broken or disjointed bones to the degree that is determined objectionable by the sifting judge, poor feathering to the extent that is deemed undesirable by the sifting judge, poor market condition of the bird and /or birds determined undesirable by the sifting judge will be excluded from the exhibition and should be removed from fairgrounds immediately.
 - 2.2 Any Bird that was deemed to be of show quality by the sifting judge and dies on the day of the Show will still be allowed to participate. However, any bird deemed to be of show quality by the sifting judge that dies a day or days before Show day will be disqualified from the Show, including the entire pen of Broilers.
 - 2.3 Only show-quality birds will be accepted into the Show at the discretion of the judge.
 - 2.4 Broilers deemed to be of show quality should not be sifted for non-uniformity.
 - 2.5 All birds will be wing-banded before issuance to exhibitors. Any bird without the original wing band will not be permitted to enter the Show. Only wing band numbers initially assigned to the individual exhibitors and/or siblings of a single family will be accepted. Any wing bands showing signs of tampering will disqualify the entry. Any birds without a uniquely numbered wing band will be disqualified.
 - 2.6 Sifting of Poultry Classes will be at the time designated by the Poultry Superintendent. The sifting shall end when the poultry committee members or the sifting judge inspects the last poultry project.
3. All exhibitors in this division must have their projects with them during sifting. No substitutions of birds during sifting, except for broilers. All sifted birds to include a pen

of broilers sifted by the sifting judge, will be visibly marked by the Poultry Superintendent or his/her designee to indicate that the bird or birds have been sifted and must be removed from the fairgrounds. Once a bird or a pen of birds are sifted, they will not be permitted into the Show.

4. There will be four (4) classes of Poultry:
 - 4.1 One class of Roasters. The Livestock Superintendent or his/her designee will order all roasters for L.I.F.E. each year at the appropriate time, and only these same roasters will be allowed to be entered in the Show. All roasters will have a common hatch date. All roasters **MUST** be purchased from the L.I.F.E. office through the A.S.T. or C.E.A.
 - Single Entry Bird
 - Male or Female
 - There will be no minimum or maximum weight limits, **but must be of show quality.**
 - Must be a commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - 4.2 One class Broilers: The Livestock Superintendent or his/her designee will order all Broilers for L.I.F.E. each year at the appropriate time, and only these same Broilers will be allowed to be entered in the Show. All broilers will have a common hatch date. In order to participate, all **broilers** must be purchased by AST/CEA from the L.I.F.E office.
 - Must be a commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - All broilers must be owned and in possession of the Exhibitor at least five (5) weeks prior to the Show.
 - One (1) Pen of Three Broilers of the same sex or mixed sex.
 - There will be no minimum or maximum weight limits, **but must be of show quality.**
 - Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) pen of broilers, which consists of three (3) birds.
 - Each Exhibitor may present only three (3) birds for sifting. The sifting judge may allow only one substitute bird to be presented during sifting. If one of the three birds is sifted and the Exhibitor does not have a substitute bird, the entire pen is eliminated. If the Exhibitor has the allowed single (1) substitute bird, then the Exhibitor will present the substitute bird for sifting. If the substitute broiler is sifted, then the **whole pen is eliminated** and will not be permitted into the Show.
 - 4.3 One class of Turkey Toms: The Livestock Superintendent or his/her designee will order all Turkey Toms for L.I.F.E. each year at the appropriate time, and only these same Turkey Toms will be allowed to be entered in the Show. All Turkey Toms will have a common hatch date. To participate, all Turkey Toms must be purchased by the AST/CEA from the L.I.F.E. office by the assigned date.
 - Must be a commercial strain of Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean

- hatchery.
 - There will be no minimum or maximum weight limits, **but must be of show quality.**
- 4.4 One class of Turkey Hens: The Livestock Superintendent or his/her designee will order all Turkey Hens for L.I.F.E. each year at the appropriate time, and only these same Turkey Hens will be allowed to be entered in the Show. All Turkey Hens will have a common hatch date. To participate, all Turkey Hens must be purchased by the AST/CEA from the L.I.F.E. office.
- Must be a commercial strain of Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - There will be no minimum or maximum weight limits, **but must be of show quality.**
5. Only the Exhibitor, substitute exhibitor, or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the Show.

SHOW

1. The Poultry Show will be as followed:
 - Roasters
 - Broilers
 - Turkey Hen
 - Turkey Toms
2. All Exhibitors must be with their entry during judging. The judge will place entries based on the show quality of the birds.
3. **An Exhibitor can show up to two (2) poultry projects to include birds in the same class. ~~may show two (2) poultry projects, but they must be of different classes.~~**
4. Only the Exhibitor (s), substitute exhibitor, Superintendent, or 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.
5. An assistant will be allowed in the ring for show purposes only and will be distinguished with a card that will be worn on their shirt. The assistant must be an exhibitor or livestock committee member.
6. No parents, step-parents, grandparents, or other adults not part of the Livestock Committee will be allowed to assist the Exhibitors in the show ring.
7. All birds placing Grand and Reserve Grand will have the wing bands/leg bands confirmed with the Poultry weigh and sift list by the poultry superintendent or his/her designee.

SALE

1. In no case will any poultry after 5th place be sold. Poultry between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follows: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
2. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to immediately (after the

- judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will be sold. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.
3. There is no floor on Poultry.
 4. All Poultry that is auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter cages after the sale.
 5. All Poultry that is not sold in the auction must remain in the club/chapter cages after the sale ~~until dispersal Sunday~~.
 6. Only the Exhibitor, Superintendent, or designee will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
 7. If a bird or bird that places and is eligible for the sale dies before the sale, a substitute bird will be allowed to replace the bird or birds that have not been sifted in its class with the approval of the Poultry Superintendent.

DISPERSAL- THIS IS A TERMINAL SHOW

1. Exhibitors with poultry missing wing/leg bands at the time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All poultry that is auctioned must remain in the club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
3. All poultry that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the Fair.
4. Buyers must pick up all poultry between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00 pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
5. Show boxes can be removed on Sunday after 3:00 pm and with security clearance.

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

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 accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, **January 15, 2025**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the rabbit(s) exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any rabbit from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office, and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification (See Section 1.4 Disqualification).
6. 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.

VALIDATON

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **January 25, 2025**, and end when the last rabbit of the scheduled time frame is validated.
2. Rabbit projects will be tattooed on the left ear on the validation date.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2025**.
2. All rabbits will be sifted by **2 professional sifters (one for New Zealand and one for all other breeds)** 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 sift judge.
3. Rabbits will be divided into two divisions.
 - 3.1 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 16, 2024** @ 70 days of age or younger on the day of sift.

- The weight limit is no less than three (3) pounds eight (8) ounces each, and not over five (5) pounds eight (8) ounces 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.
- 3.2 Broiler Rabbits
- An entry will consist of one broiler rabbit whose weight should be no less than five (5) pounds eight (8) ounces and no more than nine pounds (9 lbs.).
 - All rabbits entered in this class must be born on or after **August 29, 2024** @ 180 days of age or younger on the day of sift.
4. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH RABBIT. In the case where the animal weighs outside the weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed. 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.
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 or designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own approved equipment for feed and water while their rabbits are exhibited.
8. All rabbits must be secured, using a zip-tie only, at all times in their assigned cage. Exhibitors must furnish their zip-ties which must be removed by 10:00 pm on Saturday night.
9. Rabbit/Poultry barn gate will be locked after 8pm Thursday-Saturday.

All livestock will become property of L.I.F.E. after 10am on sift day. Only sifted projects will be allowed to be removed from Webb County Fairgrounds. L.I.F.E. will not be liable for any loss of any Livestock, Poultry or Rabbits due to theft, illness or death. L.I.F.E. management retains the right to inspect all exhibitor livestock project(s) at any time during the feeding period with or without notice. Any exhibitor in violation is subject to disqualification (see section 1.4 Disqualification).

SHOW

1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
2. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the committee with no more than 40 per class.
3. For broiler show, each sub-class will be placed 1st-10th. 1st and 2nd places from each sub-class will be brought back to compete for breed champion in that division.
4. All rabbit entries will be judged for market meat characteristics.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or 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. In no case will any rabbit after 5th place be sold. Rabbits between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follows: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place - \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
4. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
5. There is no floor on rabbits.
6. All rabbits selling in the auction must be returned to the assigned club/chapter cages.
7. All rabbits not selling in the auction must remain in assigned cage until dispersal Sunday.
6. Only the exhibitor, or superintendent or designee will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.

DISPERSAL- THIS IS A TERMINAL SHOW

1. All rabbits that are auctioned must remain in the club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
2. All rabbits that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
3. Buyers must pick up all rabbits between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 5:00pm will become the property of L.I.F.E.
4. Show boxes can be removed after 3:00 pm and with security clearance.
5. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely if determined that the exhibitor violated L.I.F.E Rules.

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).

OPEN HEIFER EXHIBITION SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the open heifer exhibition show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in an event to showcase quality heifers from a variation of breeds.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor and Parent/Legal Guardian.
 2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be turned in to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date. After this date, late entries will be accepted with a late entry fee.
 3. L.I.F.E. Livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice.
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1. Wild or unruly heifers will not be allowed to participate in the show.
 2. Heifers must be of show quality, or they will be sifted upon discretion of the Livestock Committee.
 3. Heifers will be divided up to three (3) classes by age divisions. There must be a minimum of two (2) heifers per class.
 - Class 1 (Under 1 year old)
 - Class 2 (1-1 ½ years old)
 - Class 3 (1 ½ - 2 years old)
 4. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
 5. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
 6. Heifers will be required to use a security tie while tied to rail.
 7. Heifers may be removed the same date as the show if not will be required to remain on the premises until dispersal day of all other livestock.

SHOW

1. Show will be in the following order:
 - Class 1 (Under 1 year old)
 - Class 2 (1-1 ½ years old)
 - Class 3 (1 ½ - 2 years old)
2. A Division Champion will be selected from the first-place heifers in each class. The second place heifer from the class that produced the Division Champion will compete for Reserve Division Champion.
3. The Grand Champion heifer 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 heifer of the show.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent or 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.

6. For the safety of all the exhibitors, wild or unruly heifers will be secured and/or removed from the show ring.
7. All heifers must be removed from the fairgrounds at the conclusion of the show. Heifers remaining on the fairgrounds after such time will not be allowed to be removed from fairgrounds until official dispersal on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Any violation of the livestock adopted rules shall result in the exhibitors forfeit and disqualification from participating in the Fair (Refer to Section 1.4 Disqualification, page 6).