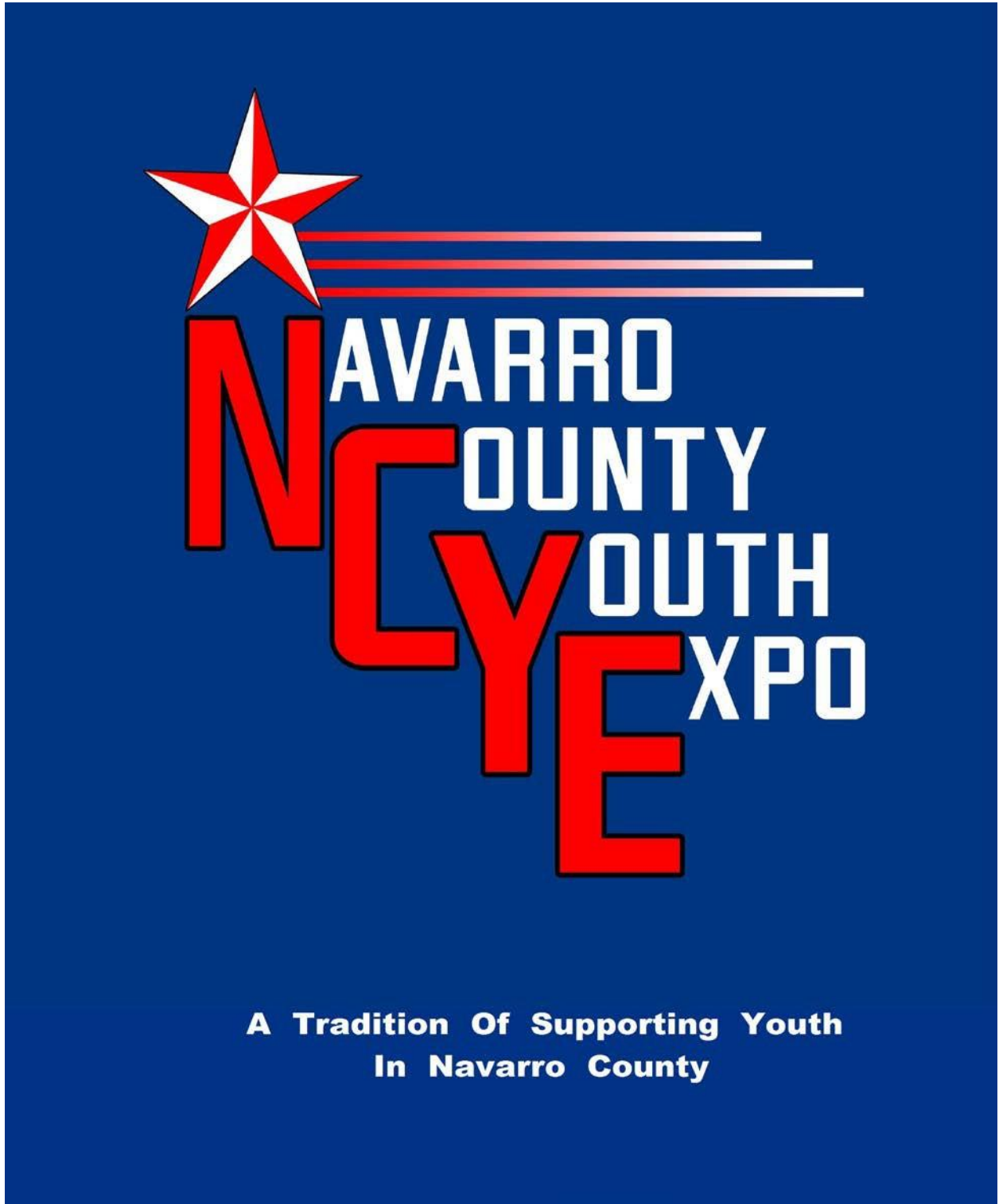


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GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the NCYE.
2. The NCYE Executive Committee must approve any deviation from the General Rules and Regulations.
3. Any question(s) regarding rules and regulations interpretation will be resolved, and a solution determined by the NCYE Executive Committee. **The Official Navarro County Youth Exposition Rules and Regulations are posted on the NCYE Website: www.navarrocountyexpo.com**
4. Any rules protest must be developed in English, stating plainly the cause of the protest, and submitted to the NCYE Office. Any protest must be signed by the protester and accompanied by a \$250.00 fee for each person lodging a protest. The protest will be examined by the NCYE Executive Committee. If the protest is valid, the \$250.00 fee will be refunded. No protest may be lodged on any judge's decision. **Any protest must be filed within 1 hour after the division show which is being protested.**
5. **Dogs or household pets are not allowed in the NCYE show areas.**
6. No exhibitor may utilize electronic communication or storage devices at any time during official judging.
7. **The NCYE is an alcohol and drug-free event and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited on the premises during the show dates.**
8. Each exhibitor must be in appropriate school attire, excluding uniforms, (example: jeans and collared shirt) during the NCYE, including but not limited to, all Division shows, Stars of Expo Auction, and Premium Sale.
9. NCYE participant(s) will be responsible and pay for any damages to NCYE show ground premises, facilities, or equipment caused by the participant and/or their animal entries.
10. All Federal and State guidelines must be adhered to regarding animal health. Abuse of animals in any form will not be allowed or tolerated.
11. The NCYE strives to provide a safe, enjoyable, and successful experience for all participants. Fighting or excessive displays of anger will not be condoned. Verbal or physical altercations of any kind will not be tolerated and are grounds for exhibitor's disqualification by Division Chairs, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Should a student be disqualified from participating in the NCYE due to misconduct, the appropriate school official will be notified. It will be the responsibility of the NCYE to notify the student's parent(s) or guardian regarding the student's ineligibility to participate in the Youth Expo. The rule will also apply to pre-event and post event NCYE sponsored activities.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

12. Participation in the NCYE is limited to Navarro County members of 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, or FCCLA.
13. Exhibitors must have continuously, personally fed, and cared for their animals under the full supervision and oversight of a County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher. Exhibitors must personally build, make, bake, cook, and/or can their project in the Food, Creative Art Divisions, Wood Working and/or Agriculture Mechanics Division.
14. At the time of submitting an entry form, NCYE exhibitors must reside or be educated in Navarro County. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 18 years old on or before September 1, 2023, or be enrolled between the 3rd and the 12th grade (not to exceed 19 years of age). **Exception:** Exhibitor(s) in the 3rd grade become eligible on their 8th birthday. Each FFA, 4-H, and FCCLA Chapter/Club must be a member in good standing with its State and National affiliates.
15. Exhibitors must meet the following UIL eligibility rules:
"Eligibility For All Extracurricular Participants After The First Six Weeks of The School Year"
A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any academic class (other than an identified advanced class) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice or rehearse, however. The student regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has: (1) earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all academic classes, other than those that are advanced; and (2) completed the three school weeks of ineligibility.
All schools must review grades for all participants at the end of the first six weeks of the school year. From that point, grades are examined at the end of the grading period, whether it is six, nine, or twelve weeks in length. Students who pass remain eligible until the end of the next grading period. All activity coaches and directors are responsible for obtaining official grade reports from the individual whom the principal designates as the keeper of official grades before a student represents the school. This provision applies to all grading periods. It also applies to all three school week evaluation periods for ineligible students.
16. Exhibitors who are not eligible under UIL rules on the day of the show will not be allowed to participate, nor will the animal(s) or project(s) entered by them be allowed to be shown. In addition, a student who has been suspended from school for misconduct shall be ineligible to compete in the NCYE until reinstated by the school principal. Furthermore, any student currently suspended from the NCYE or expelled from school who enrolls in another school will be ineligible to compete at the Youth Expo for the duration of the original suspension or expulsion or until reinstated by the school principal.

III. VALIDATION

17. Each exhibitor must own their livestock entry on the date of validation. The livestock entry must be cared for by the exhibitor during the entire feeding period and be under the full supervision and oversight of a County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher in Navarro County. Exception: (1) breeding rabbits and registered heifers must be owned by the date listed in their division rules.
18. An animal may be validated in the name of two or more exhibitors **only if all** the following criteria are met:
- Where brother and sister may have differing last names, it must be noted on the validation form.
 - They are brother/sister by blood relationship, legally adopted, or in legal foster care.
 - They are bona fide exhibitors and eligible to show as NCYE exhibitors.
 - They permanently reside or are being educated in Navarro County.
19. All Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Rabbits, Market Steers, and Market Hogs must be validated in the exhibitor's name to participate in the NCYE. Major livestock show tags, tattoos, and nose prints will be used for the purpose of the NCYE. There will be no allowance for death or injury loss replacement after the validation deadline unless otherwise approved at the sole discretion of the NCYE Executive Committee.

Market Lambs, Market Goats and Market Hogs must be major show validated in the exhibitor's name. Refer to your Ag Teacher and/or County Extension Agent for major show validation dates and validation fees.

Market Steers must be either be major show validated in the exhibitor's name or NCYE validated in the exhibitor's name. Market Steers that are NCYE validated will also have hair pulled at validation.

Market Rabbits must be NCYE validated in the exhibitor's name.

The following are the NCYE validation deadlines/validation dates, time, and location:

Market Steers	October 17, 2024,	4:30pm – 6:00pm	Nelson Farms
Market Lambs	October 22, 2024,	4:45pm – 7:00pm	Navarro County Expo Center
Market Goats	October 22, 2024,	4:45pm – 7:00pm	Navarro County Expo Center
Commercial Heifers	October 24, 2024,	4:30pm – 6:00pm	Nelson Farms
Market Hogs	November 18-22, 2024, by	Chapter/Club	Contact Ag Teacher/County Agent
Market Rabbits	March 1, 2025	8:00am – 11:00am	Navarro County Expo Center

Refer to your Ag Teacher and/or County Extension Agent for major show validation fees.

Any problem arising from the NCYE validation process will be decided by the NCYE Validation Committee.

20. All Major and County Validated Animals must follow the **2024-2025** Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
21. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Ag Teacher or County Agent within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Validation Committee before Kiosk Check-in.

IV. ENTRIES:

22. No entry will be accepted unless an official online entry has been completed in full, the applicable entry fee paid, and submitted to the NCYE by the designated deadline.

Exhibitors of Market Steers, Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, and Commercial Heifers must identify which animal they are entering based on the tag number at the time of the online entry. Exhibitors of Food, Creative Art, Wood Working, and Agriculture Mechanic projects must identify the kind of project, size and select a class at the time of the online entry.

Exhibitors may change the tag number for the entry at the time of the Kiosk Check-In. The project's class can be changed for Food, Creative Art, Wood Working, and Agriculture Mechanics during the Kiosk Check-In.

Kiosk Check-In will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 29, 2025. All Market Rabbit, Market Poultry, Market Steer, Market Goat, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Ag Mechanics, Wood Working, Creative Art, and Food exhibitors must complete Kiosk Check-In by 4:00 PM Saturday, March 29, 2025.

If it is discovered after the Kiosk Check-In has closed, that a tag number was entered incorrectly by the exhibitor, a fee of \$5.00 must be paid to have the tag number corrected.

23. A non-refundable fee per entry will be charged and must be submitted to the NCYE by the entry deadline. Each Exhibitor, 4-H Club, FCCLA, and FFA Chapter must complete an IRS W-9 Form by the entry deadline.

An exhibitor may enter under different youth organizations (e.g., 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, or FCCLA).

Exhibitors must utilize the online entry system. The entry deadline for all entries is **January 31, 2025**.

Late entries for all Divisions will be accepted until **March 1, 2025**, with a \$50.00 late entry fee per entry plus the normal entry fee. Market animals must be validated in the exhibitor's name to be eligible for late entry. Consult Division rules for the number of entries allowed per

Division. After March 1, 2025, it will be at the discretion of the Ag Teacher, County Agent, or FCCLA Leader and Division Superintendent on if a late entry will be accepted.

24. Exhibitors of market animals may only enter two (2) of the following Divisions: Market Steer, Market Goat, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Poultry, and Market Rabbit.
25. Age Divisions for the Creative Art, Food, Wood Working and Commercial Heifer Divisions will be:
 - a. Junior: 3rd grade through 8th grade.
 - b. Senior: 9th grade through 12th grade.
- V. PREPARATION/CLEAN UP:**
26. See the 2024 NCYE schedule for exhibit arrival times. Monday through Friday the barns open at 6:00am and close at 10:00pm
27. All livestock will be bedded on sand, wood shavings or stall mats. Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Registered Heifers, and Commercial Heifers must use only pellet shavings, if shavings are used. Market Hogs may use wood flakes or pellet shavings.
28. Each exhibitor will be responsible for the cleanliness of his/her assigned stall(s). Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning the facilities before entries are released. Each night of the NCYE, each club/chapter will be assigned the responsibility of cleaning the facilities by picking up all trash and emptying all trash cans. See the cleaning schedule below:
Nightly Clean Up Schedule of Barns, Vernon Rooms and Parking Lots:

Sunday, March 30	Rice FFA
Monday, March 31	Mildred FFA
Tuesday, April 1	Blooming Grove FFA and FCCLA
Wednesday, April 2	Frost FFA
Thursday, April 3	Dawson FFA
Friday, April 4	Kerens FFA and FCCLA
Saturday, April 5	Corsicana FFA and All 4-H Clubs
29. Each exhibitor will be charged a \$15.00 Facilities Fee to cover the labor to set up the facilities the week prior to the show and to put the facilities back as they were after the show. The fee is also used to cover the cost of cleaning the restrooms and Vernon Rooms during the week of the show.
- VI. COMPETITION:**
30. The NCYE is conducted for the training and education of youth participants. Therefore, it is required that each exhibitor and their families, leaders or sponsors be responsible for the grooming and caring of their respective animal(s) during the NCYE. Livestock fitters who reside outside of Navarro County will not be permitted to fit groom or handle animals during the NCYE. Verbal advice is permitted. Only the exhibitor, one (1) parent, and one (1) Ag Teacher or County Agent, are allowed in the staging area with each entry.
31. Failure to follow the instruction(s) and request(s) of NCYE officials, including Division Chairpersons, will result in immediate expulsion from the NCYE.
32. All General and Division Rules and Regulations must be followed.
33. All animals must be penned in their pre-assigned designated area.
34. Any unruly/unmanageable animal not controlled by the exhibitor, or handler, will be asked to leave the show ring. This decision is at the Division Chairperson's discretion. **If the judge places the animal before the Division Chairperson ask the exhibitor to leave the show ring, the placing will stand.**
35. Drug testing will be conducted on two randomly selected Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Market Hogs as well as the overall grand and reserve grand champions from these divisions. **The NCYE Executive Committee may require additional drug testing on selected market animals.** The showing of "unethically" fitted livestock in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections, or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass. (This includes the process of artificially filling animals, such as stomach pumping.) In the opinion of the judge, animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry is accepted by the NCYE, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the NCYE, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any test(s) as may be designated and requested by an appointed veterinarian, and agrees with the conclusions reached by the appointed veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted. Decisions of the veterinarian shall be final, without recourse against NCYE or any of its officers, directors, division chairpersons, representatives, and employees. **(See NCYE Animal Drug Use and Fitting Policy).** Exhibitors will be notified if their animal has been selected to be drug tested.
36. An exhibitor must show his/her own animal. Accommodations will be made for Special Needs Exhibitors. The Division Chairperson, prior to or during the NCYE, must approve any exhibitor substitutions. A substitution list will be provided to the Division Chairperson by the FFA or 4-H advisor. Any substitute exhibitor must meet all the eligibility rules for participation in the NCYE. In addition, the substitute exhibitor must:
 - 1) be a member of the same club or chapter as the original exhibitor, if available; and
 - 2) must be a member of the same youth organization.Having a substitute exhibitor show an animal because they may be a more competent showman is not an acceptable reason for a substitute.
The following are reasons whereby a substitute exhibitor may be approved:
 - a. Attending another school-related activity.

- b. Exhibitor is sick or injured.
 - c. Family emergency; or
 - d. Exhibitor has more than one (1) entry in a class.
37. Once an animal is checked in and the exhibitor is named, the entry **will not** be changed to another exhibitor (**not even a sibling**).
38. The NCYE Executive Committee may require an animal to be removed from the NCYE show grounds due to health concerns or exhibitor safety.
39. Only show judges, exhibitors, ring stewards, and NCYE officials will be allowed in the show ring. The NCYE Executive Committee will select an Official Photographer for the purpose of providing photos for purchase of all scheduled events. No other photographer will be allowed in the show ring or judging area without the prior approval of the NCYE Chairperson(s).
40. Awards will be given after each class is judged, and class placings in each Division will be posted on a bulletin board.
- VII. RELEASE OF ENTRIES:**
41. All livestock must remain in place until all judging has concluded, awards presented, and released by the Division Chairperson. The Executive Committee shall approve floor buyer(s) for all Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Market Hogs. All Non-Sale Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Market Hogs must be removed from the NCYE show grounds by the individual listed on the disposition or by an approved floor buyer, as designated by the exhibitor during check-in. Market Animals, not in the Premium Sale will be removed from the NCYE show grounds by an approved floor buyer or may be taken home by the exhibitor. If an exhibitor is taking home a Non-Premium Sale animal, they must do so by the date and time listed in General Rule 48. The NCYE is not liable and/or responsible for the health, wellbeing and/or transport of any animal once removed from the show grounds.
42. Market animals that will be transported directly to an approved floor buyer and not sold through the Premium Sale must have been officially weighed-in and exhibited during the **2025** NCYE competition. Exhibitors who want their Non-Premium Sale animal sent to a processor are responsible for contacting the meat processor regarding processing information and are responsible for transporting the animal to the processor. The NCYE **will not make arrangements** for the transportation of animals to processors. All sifted animals must be removed by 10:00 PM on the day of weigh-in.
43. All animals must be cared for (feed, water, bedding, etc.) during the extent of their stay at the NCYE.
44. Breeding rabbits, market rabbits, market broiler and registered heifers may be removed from the NCYE when cleared by the Division Chairperson, following all judging and presentation of awards for that Division. Exhibitors of those market rabbits and market broilers selected for the Premium Sale must provide continual care of their animals for the duration of the NCYE and bring back their animals for the Premium Sale.
45. All Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Steers and Market Hogs are required to have a Disposition completed at Kiosk check-in indicating the intended disposition of the animal if it is not selected for the Premium Sale. Once submitted to the NCYE, the Disposition is binding and cannot be changed unless the exhibitor submits a Disposition Change Request to the NCYE Information Booth. **Disposition Changes will only be allowed on the day of the show for each species. Disposition changes can be made at the NCYE Show Office until 30 after the show or if the Sale Committee allows that animal into the Premium Sale.**
46. All Food and Creative Art entries will be released after public viewing. The NCYE is not responsible for entries remaining after the designated entry removal time.
- VIII. SALE:**
47. The NCYE is not responsible for any "private treaty" sale(s) in any Division, and no private treaty sale(s) will be sanctioned or facilitated by the NCYE.
48. All market animals that do not make show weight will not be purchased by an approved floor buyer but must be taken back home by the exhibitor before 10:00 p.m. on the day of weigh-in. All non-sale animals that will be taken home must be picked up as follows:
 Hogs – Must be picked up on Wednesday between 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 Lambs and Goats – Must be picked up immediately following the show until 10:00 p.m.
 Steers – Must be picked up immediately following the show until 10:00pm
 If the market animal is not picked up by the designated time, they will be floored. The Division Chairperson **MUST** check out all market animals.
49. No animal exhibited in the breeding classes (registered heifers, commercial heifers, and breeding rabbits) will be permitted to be sold in the Premium Sale. The exception to this rule is the Navarro County Farm Bureau Scholarship Commercial Heifer which will be allowed to sell during the Premium Sale.
50. The NCYE Premium Sale will be based on 210 market animal lots. A percentage of the individual exhibitors will equally comprise the percentage of each species to be sold. A minimum of 28 market hogs, market lambs, market goats and market steers, including the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion, will be sold. A minimum of 14 Market Broilers and Market Rabbits, including the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion, will be sold. The Executive Committee reserves the right to adjust the percentage of exhibitors that sell per species, so that the total number of sale lots does not exceed an amount of lots that the Executive Committee determines can be supported by the community.

EXAMPLE ONLY

145	Individual Market Hog Exhibitors at the show	183	Market Hogs at the show
54	Individual Market Lamb Exhibitors at the show	59	Market Lambs at the show
126	Individual Market Goat Exhibitors at the show	148	Market Goats at the show
38	Individual Market Steer Exhibitors at the show	45	Market Steers at the show
53	Individual Market Rabbit Exhibitors at the show	82	Market Rabbits at the show
22	Individual Market Broiler Exhibitors at the show	25	Market Broiler at the show
438	Total Exhibitors		

210 Sale Lots / 438 Total Exhibitors = 0.47945

47.95% of the individual exhibitors in each division will be sold

145 Market Hog Exhibitors * 47.95% = 69.5
 54 Market Lamb Exhibitors * 47.95% = 25.9
 126 Market Goat Exhibitors * 47.95% = 60.4
 38 Market Steers * 47.95% = 21.6
 53 Market Rabbits * 47.95% = 25.4
 22 Market Broiler * 47.95% = 10.5

70 Market Hogs could possibly be sold
 28 Market Lambs could possibly be sold (this is the minimum)
 60 Market Goats could possibly be sold
 28 Market Steers will be sold (this is the minimum)
 25 Market Rabbits could possibly be sold
 14 Market Broiler could possibly be sold (this is the minimum)
 225 Possible Sale Lots

183 total Market Hogs at the show: 70/183 = .38251
 59 total Market Lambs at the show: 28/59 = .47457
 148 total Market Goats at the show: 60/148 = .40541
 45 total Market Steers at the show: 28/45 = .62222
 82 total Market Rabbits at the show: 25/82 = .30488
 25 total Market Broiler at the show: 14/25 = .56

38.25% of each Market Hog class could possibly be sold
 47.46% of each Market Lamb class could possibly be sold
 40.54% of each Market Goat class could possibly be sold
 62.22% of each Market Steer class could possibly be sold
 30.49% of the Market Rabbits could possibly be sold
 56% of each Market Broiler class could possibly be sold

51. Each contestant will be allowed to sell only one (1) entry in a Market Division and is limited to a total of two (2) market entries for the Premium Sale per exhibitor. If an exhibitor qualifies two (2) entries in the same Division, only the highest placing entry will be sold. If two entries receive the same placing in a Division, the heaviest entry will be sold, or cockerels will be sold. If a sale animal is dropped from a class, then the next highest placing animal will be bumped up to the sale. If all eligible animals in a class make the sale due to drops and bumps and the number of animals to be sold has not been met for that class, then the next highest placing animal in the division will sale; if the next highest placing is the same for several classes, then the heaviest animal or cockerels will sale. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold. **Exhibitors may sell a maximum of two (2) livestock entries.** The only exception is the Champions Rule previously mentioned. All Premium Sale animals will be sold. Premium Sale animals cannot be removed from the sale.
52. Overall Grand Champion and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion in Food and Creative Art Divisions will be sold in the Stars of Expo Sale. Additionally, the top two (2) placing entries in each class in the Junior and Senior Division of the Creative Art and Food Divisions will be sold in the Stars of Expo Auction. If an exhibitor qualifies two (2) entries in the same Division, only the highest placing entry will be sold. If two entries receive the same placing in a division then the exhibitor must notify the division chair which entry will sell by 5:00pm of the day of the show, otherwise the division chair will determine which entry will sell. If a sale project is dropped from a class, then the next highest placing project will be bumped up to the sale. In classes where the Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand Champion and/or Division Grand Champion and/or Division Reserve Grand Champion prizes are awarded, the 3rd or 4th place entry **will not** move up to be included in the Stars of Expo Auction. The Most Creative Presentation in the Junior and Senior Food Division will also be sold in the Stars of Expo Auction. A possible 42 food entries may be sold, and a possible 48 creative art entries may be sold.
53. Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion in the Wood Working Division will be sold in the Stars of Expo Sale. Additionally, the top two (2) placing entries in each class in the Junior and Senior Division of the Wood Working Division will be sold in the Stars of Expo Auction. If an exhibitor qualifies two (2) entries in the sale, only the highest placing entry will be sold. If two entries receive the same placing then the exhibitor must notify the division chair which entry will sell by 5:00pm of the day of the show, otherwise the division chair will determine which entry will sell. If a sale project is dropped from a class, then the next highest placing project will be bumped up to the sale. In classes where the Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand and/or Division Grand Champion and/or Division Reserve Grand Champion prizes are awarded, the 3rd or 4th place entry **will not** move up to be included in the Stars of Expo Auction. A possible 12 wood working entries may be sold.
54. Agriculture Mechanics Sale Division Grand Champion and Sale Division Reserve Grand Champion will be sold in the Stars of Expo Sale. Additionally, the top two (2) placings entries in each Sale Division class of the Agriculture Mechanics Division will be sold in the Stars of Expo Auction. If an exhibitor qualifies two (2) entries in the sale, only the highest placing entry will be sold. If two entries receive the same placing then the exhibitor must notify the division chair which entry will sell by 5:00pm of the day of the show, otherwise the division chair will determine which entry will sell. If a sale project is dropped from a class, then the next highest placing project will be bumped up to the sale. In classes that the Sale Division Grand Champion and/or Sale Division Reserve Grand Champion are awarded, the 3rd or 4th place entry **will not** move up to be included in the Stars of Expo Auction. A possible 28 entries may be sold.
55. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell two (2) market entries, one (1) Creative Art entry, one (1) Food entry, one (1) Wood Working entry, and (1) Agriculture Mechanics Sale Division entry. **All Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champions must sell.** If an exhibitor wins Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion in a Division(s), both entries must sell.
56. All Premium Sale participants are required to be present on Friday at 1:00 PM for setting up for the sale. Each participant must report to (check-in) with an Agriculture General Chairperson or NCYE official. Each participant must report to (check-out) with an Agriculture General Chairperson or NCYE official at the conclusion of the setting up and cleaning activities. Failure to be present or represented will result in a \$100.00 deduction from the individual's revenue from the Sale. If an exhibitor is not available for set-up on Friday, then an alternate time will need to be pre-arranged with the Agriculture General Chairperson or Family Consumer Science Chairperson.

57. All Stars of Expo Sale participants are required to be present on Friday at 1:00 PM for setting up the facilities. Each participant must report to (check-in) with the Family Consumer Science Chairperson or NCYE official. Each participant must report to (check-out) with the Family Consumer Science Chairperson or NCYE official at the conclusion of setting up. Failure to be present or represented will result in a \$100.00 deduction from the individual's revenue from the Sale. If an exhibitor is not available for set-up on Friday, then an alternate time will need to be pre-arranged with the Family Consumer Science Chairperson. If an exhibitor is in both the Premium Sale and the Stars of Expo Sale, the exhibitor must only report to one of the Friday setups.
58. It is mandatory that each exhibitor whose entry qualifies for the Premium Sale and/or Stars of Expo Auction is the person who presents his/her own entry and is on time for the Sale. Failure to comply will result in the entry being excluded from the Premium Sale and/or Stars of Expo Auction. A substitute may be used if the exhibitor: (1) is attending another school-related activity; (2) is sick or injured; or (3) has a family emergency. The Division Chairperson(s) must approve substitutions prior to the Premium Sale and Stars of Expo Auction. **An exhibitor and two helpers are allowed in the Premium Sale Ring.**
59. Five percent (5%) of the Premium Sale proceeds, Stars of Expo Auction proceeds, Floor and Add-Ons will be deducted from the Exhibitor's Check for NCYE operating capital.
60. Stars of Expo Auction participants must remain stationed by their sale item during the Stars of Expo Auction. **Exhibitors will be the only individuals allowed behind the Stars of Expo Auction tables.** Participants in the Stars of Expo Auction may not eat or drink while stationed at their auction item. Arrangements should be made for food and drink consumption before or after the Stars of Expo Auction.
61. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners will have their picture made with their buyer.
62. All exhibitors who make the Premium Sale or Stars of Expo Auction are responsible for having a photo taken with their entry by the NCYE Official Photographer; **all pictures must be taken before 6:00pm on the day of show.**
63. The NCYE reserves the right to use photos and video of exhibitors and NCYE entries, as captured by the NCYE Official Photographer and NCYE representatives, for promotions, advertising, and public relations activities.
64. Stars of Expo Auction, Premium Sale, Add-On, Floor and Prize Money checks will be released once enough sale proceeds have been received to cover the expenditure for all exhibitor payments. Exhibitor checks will be given to 4-H, FFA or FCCLA Advisors and may be picked up by the exhibitors from those advisors. Each Premium Sale and Stars of Expo Auction exhibitor is required to provide an original thank you letter, in an unsealed addressed envelope, to their respective Agricultural Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or FCCLA leader for review before the letter is mailed to the buyer. A buyer Thank You Letter is required to obtain any Stars of Expo Auction and/or Premium Sale check(s). Each County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teacher or FCCLA leader will verify and review the thank you letters to ensure they meet the NCYE thank you letter guidelines. Exhibitors shall provide the County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teacher or FCCLA Leader with adequate postage for the letter to be mailed. Thank You Letters shall be developed using the following basic guidelines:
 - a. **All thank you letters must be developed on stationary or letter head.** Notebook paper, writing tablets and plain copy paper will not be accepted. Lined stationary or computer-generated letterhead with lines is acceptable. Exhibitors will be allowed to include pictures with their thank you letter.
 - b. Exhibitors must provide their thank you letter(s) in an unsealed addressed envelope. All envelopes must show the Buyer's name and address along with the exhibitor's name and address (that was used on the NCYE entry form).
 - c. Letters not complying with these guidelines will be returned to the exhibitor for revision.
65. All exhibitor checks must be cashed within two (2) weeks and will be void in sixty (60) days. No checks will be reissued after **September 1, 2025**. Any uncashed, prize money checks, add-on checks, premium sale checks, star of expo auction checks and floor animal checks are donated back to the NCYE Pot after **September 30, 2025**.
66. Absentee buyers, or absentee Add-On contributors, are to contact the NCYE prior to the Premium Sale authorizing their monetary commitment. Monetary commitments may be made to the NCYE office either in person, over the telephone (903-875-9088), through E-mail (scottfreed1@yahoo.com), or by letter on company stationery and mailed to: Navarro County Youth Expo, PO Box 96, Barry, Texas 75102.

IX: RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY, INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:

67. In consideration for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the Navarro County Youth Exposition (the "NCYE"), each volunteer, participant and/or his/her parents, legal guardians, representatives, heirs, agents, legal representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Participant"), does hereby release and discharge the NCYE, its insurance carrier, legal representatives, present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively, the "Parties") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent, and/or intentional acts on the part of the Parties in connection with the Participant's entry into and participation in the Activities. The Participant further agrees, on behalf of himself/herself, and on behalf of any and all of his/her parents, legal guardians, representatives, heirs, agents, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, to **DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS** the Parties from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury, death or property damage, including, without limitation, all costs, expenses and legal fees incurred in defending the same, made by or through the Participant, or on his/her behalf, relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Parties in connection with the Participant's entry and participation in the Activities.
68. The NCYE shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, programs, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a *force majeure* occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the NCYE and which delays or prevents performance by the NCYE. In addition, the NCYE shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, programs, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the NCYE's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to

compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction, and protection of the environment.

69. The NCYE Executive Committee reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to fairly and impartially settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the NCYE, and the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.

X: Rule Violations:

70. In case of an investigation of an incident or possible NCYE Rule violation, all prize money, sale money and/or floor money will be withheld from the exhibitor until the investigation is completed. The Executive Committee may determine to withhold all prize money, sale money and/or floor money from an exhibitor if the Executive Committee determines there was a violation of the NCYE Rules.

ANIMAL DRUG USE AND FITTING POLICY

1. **Drug testing will be conducted on two randomly selected Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats and Market Hogs as well as the overall grand and reserve grand champions from these divisions.** The NCFE Executive Committee may require additional drug testing on selected market animals. An explanation regarding the drug testing procedures used by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) can be viewed at the following weblink https://tvmdl.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/L.029_00422.pdf.
2. **Certificate Forms:** Exhibitors are required to have a **Drug Certification Form** signed by the following (a) Exhibitor; and (b) Parent or Legal Guardian. The Drug Certification Form shall be signed at time of entry. **The Drug Certification statement also appears on the NCFE entry form.**
3. **Drug Certification Agreement:** Exhibitor and parent (or legal guardian) certify that none of the exhibitor's entries have been administered or that the exhibitor and parent (or legal guardian) does not have any knowledge that any of exhibitor's entries have received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, the exhibitor and parent (or legal guardian) certifies that all of exhibitor's entries are free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue(s) at the time of **official weigh-in**. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner, other than in accordance with the labeling approved by the FDA, is a violation of Federal law.
4. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, or animals being administered unapproved drugs, is strictly prohibited. Animals that have been administered an approved drug or chemical must allow sufficient time so that the drug or chemical is completely eliminated from the animal's system at the time of **official weigh-in and through the duration of the NCFE**.
 - a. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material(s) not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing, injections, and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.
 - b. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered, during its life, any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or the USDA for slaughter animals, including animals that may be destined for human consumption. The use of an FDA approved drug in an unapproved species will constitute unapproved drug use.
 - c. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular specie, sufficient time must have elapsed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug during **official weigh-in and through the duration of the NCFE**. All animals **must** be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time of official **weigh-in**. **Please note:** The elimination time (the time required for no drug residue to be found in an animal's system) is generally longer than the labeled FDA withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
 - d. **Animal Inspection:** As a condition for participation in the NCFE, an exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Any animal found showing evidence of infections, contagious or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the NCFE and held in quarantine at exhibitor's expense. An exhibitor also agrees to have their animal(s) submitted to any test(s) requested by the NCFE. Each exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the NCFE Executive Committee, and its official representatives, as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the NCFE or any of its officers. Further, the NCFE specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood and/or urine laboratory analysis conducted on any animal entered for competition. The conclusion(s) reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or an approved drug has not been completely eliminated from the animal's system, shall be final and binding without recourse against the NCFE or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication, or unapproved chemical, may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future during the NCFE.
 - e. **Unmanageable Animals:** The NCFE may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. Tranquilizers and sedatives for food animals are not approved by the FDA.
 - f. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the NCFE show grounds, only the Official Show Veterinarian (or an official designee) will be allowed to administer treatment. Furthermore, the Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with the NCFE Executive Committee, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian; it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, this treatment will be noted (date, time, amount, and reason) and this documentation will be given to the NCFE General Chairperson.
 - g. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
5. **Wholesome Meat Act:** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market animals. All exhibitors of market animals entered in the NCFE will adhere to the following:
 - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug and/or chemical residues.
 - b. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be strictly followed.
 - c. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.The NCFE will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to all proceeds including: Premium Sale proceeds, scholarships, exhibitor awards, market (floor) price, and any other NCFE special awards.
6. **Disclaimer of Warranties:** The NCFE expressly disclaims any expressed or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the NCFE or by others (such as drug testing). The NCFE does NOT provide security or guard services

and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardian(s) agree that the NCYE shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardian(s) are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug identified by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the NCYE shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. **Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and Premium Sale proceeds.**

7. **Disqualification/Condemnation of Animal:** The NCYE reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives, and the exhibitor will forfeit all Premium Sale and prize money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug, medication, or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future during the NCYE.
8. **Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** At all times an exhibitor, and exhibitor's parents or legal guardian(s), will maintain full control, custody and will care for, feed, water and keep safe their animal(s) and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NCYE. By making entry into the NCYE, the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rests solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the NCYE and/or its agent(s). Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardian(s) agree that:
 - a. They are absolutely the responsible person(s) for the care and custody of their animal(s).
 - b. The NCYE shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardian(s) are innocent of any wrong doing and did not administer the drug; and
 - c. The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardian(s). Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the NCYE shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

EXPO OF CHAMPIONS DIVISON

This division will showcase the talents of special needs youth from across the county, as they pair up with their 4-H/FFA show buddy and exhibit their animal.

4-H or FFA members interested in volunteering with this activity must complete an application form and turn it into the Navarro County AgriLife Extension Office or email to Carla Steele, steelemama3@yahoo.com.

For more information, please contact Carla Steele at (903) 851-2954 or email steelemama3@yahoo.com.

HONOR STUDENT AWARD DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 31, 2025
VOLUNTEER & HONOR STUDENT LUNCH: Saturday, March 29, 2025 – Receive Polo Shirt and Award (Large Fannie Mae Vernon Room)

I. PURPOSE:

1. The purpose of the NCYE Honor Student Award is to provide recognition for those outstanding students who have excelled in representing their 4-H, FFA, and/or FCCLA Chapter/Club throughout their school career.
2. Each Navarro County 4-H, FFA, and/or FCCLA advisor shall nominate a minimum of one (1) Junior student and one (1) Senior student from their respective chapter/club as their Honor Students with a maximum of four (4) students total. For a student to receive this honor, specific qualifications must be met, including:
 - a. Be actively involved in their chapter/club.
 - b. Be currently enrolled and in good standing.
 - c. Be actively participating in their chapter/club activities, leadership opportunities, and community/school activities during the current school year.
 - d. Be a current dues paying member of the chapter/club they are representing.
 - e. Be willing to **assist** with duties assigned to this award during the **2025** NCYE Stars of Expo Auction and Premium Sale.
3. Age Divisions will be:
 - a. Junior: 3rd grade through 8th grade
 - b. Senior: 9th grade through 12th grade

II. PROCEDURES:

4. **A completed application must be submitted on or before Friday, January 31, 2025.**
5. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

6. Honor Students must be able to attend the **NCYE Volunteer & Honor Student Lunch** in the Large Fannie Mae Vernon Room at the Navarro County Expo Center. All selected Honor Students must attend the **lunch**, as well as their sponsors.
7. **Parents and/or other family members are encouraged to attend the lunch. There is no cost to attend the lunch.**
8. Honor Students must be available to assist NCYE officials and help welcome the buyers during the Stars of Expo Auction and Premium Sale. **Honor Students will also be given assignments during the week of the show, such as handing out ribbons and awards.**
9. Honor Students will be recognized during the Premium Sale.

THE JOHN R. MANNING PREMIER LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AWARD

1. Purpose: This award is to be presented annually to the best-all-around exhibitor in the Livestock Divisions and will be awarded on a point basis.
2. Eligibility: Eligible recipients of this award must be a Senior Division exhibitor (9th through 12th grade).
3. Divisions in which points will be awarded are: Market Broiler, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Breeding Rabbit, Commercial Heifer, Market Hog, Registered Heifer and Market Steer divisions.

Note: Exhibitors of group entries shall not receive points for the Premier Exhibitor Award.

4. Points for the Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog, Market Broiler, Market Rabbit, Commercial Heifer and Registered Heifer divisions will be awarded according to the following with a **maximum of 45** points per division:

Class Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	10	8	6	4	2	1
Showmanship Placing			1	2	3	
Points			10	7	5	
Overall Division Champion						
Points				Grand Champion	Reserve Champion	
				10	5	

5. Points for the Breeding Rabbit divisions will be awarded according to the following with a **maximum of 18** points per division:

Class Placing	1	2	3
Points	5	3	1
Showmanship Placing			1
Points			5
Overall Division Champion			
Points			
			Grand Champion
			2
			Reserve Champion
			1

6. In case of a tie, the award winner will be determined by the highest points awarded in the Market Showmanship Division.
7. The award will be presented during the Premium Sale.
8. **All General Rules and Regulations will apply.**

**THE JAN IVIE
PREMIER FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES EXHIBITOR AWARD**

1. Purpose: This award is to be presented annually to the best-all-around individual exhibitor in the Family & Consumer Sciences Division and will be awarded on a point basis.
2. Eligibility: Eligible recipients of this award must be a Senior Division exhibitor (9th through 12th grade).
3. Divisions in which points will be awarded are: Creative Art Division and Food Division.

NOTE: Exhibitors of group entries shall not receive points for the Premier Exhibitor Award.

4. Points for each Division will be awarded according to the following, with a **maximum of 17** points per Division:

Class Placing	1	2	3
Points	5	3	1

Overall Division Champion	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion	“Most Creative Presentation” (Food Division)
Points	2	1	1

5. In case of a tie, the award winner will be determined by the highest points awarded in the Creative Art Division.
6. The award will be presented during the Stars of Expo Sale.
7. **All General Rules and Regulations will apply.**

THE MIKE LITTRELL PREMIER INDUSTRIAL ARTS EXHIBITOR AWARD

1. Purpose: This award is to be presented annually to the best-all-around individual exhibitor in the Industrial Arts Divisions and will be awarded on a point basis.
2. Eligibility: Eligible recipients of this award must be a Senior Division exhibitor (9th through 12th grade).
3. Divisions in which points will be awarded are: Agriculture Mechanics Division and Wood Working Division.

NOTE: Exhibitors of group entries shall not receive points for the Premier Exhibitor Award.

4. Points for each Division will be awarded according to the following:

Class Placing Points	1 10	2 8	3 6	4 4	5 2	6 1
Showmanship Placing Points			1 10	2 7	3 5	
Overall Division Champion Points				Grand Champion 10		Reserve Champion 5

5. In case of a tie, the award winner will be determined by the highest points awarded in the Agriculture Mechanics Division.
6. The award will be presented during the Stars of Expo Sale.
7. **All General Rules and Regulations will apply.**

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$5.00 per showmanship entry will be charged for Breeding Rabbit, Market Rabbit, Market Broiler, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Registered Heifer, Market Steer and Market Hog.
2. Belt buckles will be awarded to all Showmanship Division winners of Breeding Rabbit, Market Rabbit, Market Broiler, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Registered Heifer, Market Steer, and Market Hog.
3. All Breeding Rabbit, Market Rabbit, Market Broiler, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Registered Heifer, Market Steer, and Market Hog showmanship exhibitors will be divided into three Age Divisions:
 - a. Junior: 3rd grade to 5th grade
 - b. Intermediate: 6th grade to 8th grade
 - c. Senior: 9th grade to 12th grade

All Agriculture Mechanics and Wood Working showmanship exhibitors will be divided into two Age Divisions:

- a. Junior: 3rd grade to 8th grade
 - b. Senior: 9th grade to 12th grade
4. Each exhibitor must show their own animal and the exhibitor must have shown that animal in a class during the 2024 NCYE. Please see the Agriculture Mechanics and Wood Working Divisions regarding showmanship rules and awards applicable to those divisions.

HERDSMAN AWARDS

1. A committee chosen by the Agriculture Division Chairperson(s) will select up to three (3) chapters or clubs as Herdsman Award winners.
2. The NCYE Herdsman Award for clubs, chapters, or individuals will be based on:
 - a. Pride and promotion of the agricultural community.
 - b. Pride and promotion of the individual, club, or chapter; and
 - c. Pride and promotion of the youth of Navarro County.
3. Three judges will select the Overall Herdsman Award(s) for the club or chapter and the Individual Herdsman Award.
4. The judges will make their way through the NCYE barns at various times during the day, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
5. Based on the three objectives of the Herdsman Award stated above, the judges will score the clubs and chapters in the following areas:
 - a. **Cleanliness of livestock areas:** This includes stalls, pens, tie areas, etc., including any additional areas occupied by show boxes, feed, and other equipment. A score of 0 to 35 will be awarded in this area.
 - b. **Club or chapter displays:** This includes banners, signs, themed displays, etc., that identifies the club or chapter and the individuals participating. No display in a livestock area will block normal travel paths or otherwise disrupt daily NCYE activities. A score of 0 to 35 will be awarded in this area.
 - c. **Members of a club or chapter:** The judges will observe members of various clubs or chapters that are associated with the livestock and agricultural mechanic exhibits and assess them on their friendliness and attitude toward the public, knowledge of their projects, and their overall presentation. A score of 0 to 30 will be awarded in this area.
6. The Judges will complete critique sheets on the top three (3) clubs, chapters, and individuals selected. The critiques will be provided to the Agriculture Division Chairperson(s) and will be made available to the respective clubs, chapters, or individuals.
7. The individual Herdsman Award will be based on the same criteria as the club or chapter award for those participants exhibiting multiple livestock species.
8. Herdsman Award winner(s) will be announced at the beginning of the Premium Sale. A special Individual Herdsman Award will also be given.

Awards:

1st – 2nd Place: Plaque

MARKET STEER DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

NCYE Validation:	Thursday	October 17	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Nelson Farms
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
Arrival:	Sunday	March 30	Noon – 2:00 PM	
Weigh-In:	Sunday	March 30	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	
Judging:	Thursday	April 3	Later of 5:00 PM or After Registered Heifer Show	
Showmanship:	Thursday	April 3	Following the Steer Show	

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

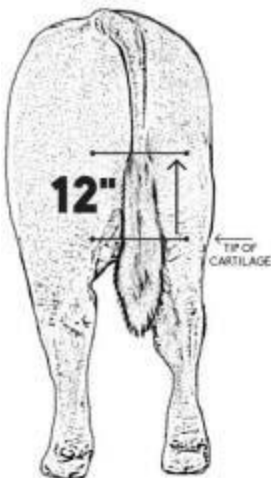
1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) Market Steers but can sell only one (1) Market Steer. Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be sold during the Premium Sale.

II. VALIDATION:

3. Major livestock show ear tags and tattoos may be used for the purposes of the NCYE.
4. For NCYE validation, Market Steers must be tattooed and tagged. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Ag Teacher or County Agent within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Validation Committee before Kiosk Check-in.

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

5. Market Steers will arrive on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from Noon - 2:00 PM.
6. Market Steers will be officially weighed on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Tags and tattoos will be examined at the time of weigh-in.
7. Each exhibitor must be present during weigh-in or designate a person familiar with the animal to be present.
8. A committee selected by the Division Chairperson(s) will officially weigh all Market Steers. Only one exhibitor, along with a sponsor or parent if needed, will lead their Market Steer to the official weighing scales.
9. The minimum weight for Market Steer entries will be 1,000 pounds, with a 15-pound tolerance. A second weigh-in can be requested following the first weigh-in of all Market Steer entries, but only for those Market Steers that are under the minimum required weight. A requested second weigh-in (the maximum attempt allowed per Market Steer) must be completed prior to the conclusion of the official weighing period. There is no maximum weight.
10. Prior to arrival at the Show, steers must be pre-clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, (the tail switch being no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail) which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. The Division Chair will assess hair length on all Market Steers. If the hair is too long on any Market Steer, the animal will be required to be re-clipped before an official weigh is taken. All re-clipping must be completed prior to the weigh-in deadline.



IV. CLASSES:

11. Entries will be divided into classes consisting of no more than 15 entries per class, with weight breaks to be determined by the Division Chairperson(s) with a minimum of 4 classes.

V. COMPETITION:

- 12. No glue, adhesive, paint, powder, coloring, dye, or hair oil may be used anywhere on a Market Steer.
- 13. Each Market Steer entry will be assigned an entry number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when their animal is in the show ring.
- 14. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

- 15. Prizes:
 - Grand Champion: Belt Buckle and Banner
 - Reserve Grand Champion: Banner
 - 1st – 10th Place: Ribbon

MARKET HOG DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Validation:	November 18-22 by Chapter/Club	Contact Ag Teacher/County Agent	
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Arrival:	Sunday	March 30	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Weigh-In:	Sunday	March 30	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Judging:	Tuesday	April 1	4:00 PM
Showmanship:	Tuesday	April 1	Following the Hog Show

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. The Market Hog Show is a barrow only show.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) Market Hogs but can only sell one (1) Market Hog in the Premium Sale. Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be sold during the Premium Sale.

II. VALIDATION:

4. Major livestock validation tags and ear notches will be used for the purposes of the NCYE.
5. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Ag Teacher or County Agent within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Validation Committee before Kiosk Check-in.

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

6. Market Hogs will arrive on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM.
7. Weigh-in will be on a first-come and first-serve basis from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Tags and ear notches will be examined at the time of official weighing.
8. Stalls will be pre-assigned by the Division Chairperson(s). **Animals must stay in assigned pen.**
9. Each exhibitor must be present during weigh-in or designate a person familiar with the animal to be present.
10. Market Hog Weight Limit: 220 lbs. minimum to 300 lbs. maximum +/- 5 lbs. tolerance. A second weigh-in (the maximum attempt allowed per Market Hog) must be completed prior to the conclusion of the official weigh-in period, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, **March 30, 2025**. A second weigh-in is only allowed if a Market Hog is under the minimum required weight or over the maximum required weight.

IV. CLASSES:

11. There will be a minimum of nine (9) classes of Market Hogs. The Division Chairperson(s) will have the discretion to increase the number of Market Hog classes.

V. COMPETITION:

12. Only barrows will be eligible for the NCYE Market Hog Show.
13. Each Market Hog entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when their animal is in the show ring.
14. Classes will be called to the show ring by odd and even entry numbers.
15. No painting, powdering, or artificial coloring of Market Hogs is allowed. All Market Hogs must be clipped prior to arrival on **Sunday, March 30, 2025**. Touch up clipping is allowed with cordless clippers, but snares are not allowed.
16. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. PREMIUM SALE:

17. All exhibitors who have a Market Hog in the Premium Sale must be present and check in with the Division Chairpersons on Friday at 5:00 PM for the purpose of feeding, watering, and moving their Market Hog after they are placed in the Premium Sale order. All feed and water buckets are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

VII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

18. Prizes:

Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon

MARKET LAMB DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Validation:	Tuesday	October 22	4:45 PM – 7:00 PM
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Arrival:	Sunday	March 30	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Weigh-In:	Sunday	March 30	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Judging:	Wednesday	April 2	1:00 PM
Showmanship:	Wednesday	April 2	Following the Lamb Show

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. The Market Lamb show is a wether only show.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) Market Lambs but can sell only one (1) Market Lamb. Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be sold during the Premium Sale.

II. VALIDATION:

4. Major livestock validation tags and tattoos will be used for the purposes of the NCYE.
5. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Ag Teacher or County Agent within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Validation Committee before Kiosk Check-in.

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

6. **Market Lambs will arrive on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**
7. Stalls will be individually pre-assigned by the Division Chairperson. Animals must remain in assigned/designated areas.
8. **Market Lambs will be officially weighed on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.** Official tags and tattoos will be examined during the time of weigh-in.
9. Each exhibitor must be present during weigh-in or designate a person familiar with the animal to be present.
10. Market Lamb Weight Limit: 105 lbs. minimum to 175 maximum +/- 5 lbs. tolerance. After all Market Lambs have been officially weighed, a second weigh-in (the maximum attempt allowed per Market Lamb) will be allowed before the conclusion of the official weighing period, but only if a Market Lamb is under the minimum weight allowed or over the maximum weight allowed.

IV. CLASSES:

11. All Market Lambs will be shown by weight. Market Lambs will be classified into appropriate weight classes at the time of weigh-in. There will be no breed classification.
12. If there are 80 or less Market Lamb entries, there will be four (4) weight classes. If there are 81 or more Market Lamb entries, there will be five (5) or more classes.

V. COMPETITION:

13. Only wethers will be permitted to compete in the Market Lamb Division.
14. All Market Lambs must be slick sheared within seven (7) days prior to the NCYE Market Lamb show. Any Market Lamb possessing excess wool during the Market Lamb show will be disqualified. The official judge, or Division Chairperson(s), will make this decision. No painting, powdering or artificial coloring of Market Lambs is allowed. Electric prod use is prohibited.
15. Each Market Lamb entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when their animal is in the show ring.
16. Nose prints will be examined on the 1st and 2nd place Market Lambs in each class. A random check of other class placings may be performed the day of the show. If a Market Lamb's nose print is determined to be incorrect, the animal will be disqualified, and the next placing will move up in the official placing order.

17. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

18. Prizes:

Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon

MARKET GOAT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Validation:	Tuesday	October 22	4:45 PM – 7:00 PM
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Arrival:	Sunday	March 30	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Weigh-In:	Sunday	March 30	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Judging:	Wednesday	April 2	4:00 PM
Showmanship:	Wednesday	April 2	Following the Goat Show

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. The Market Goat Show is a wether only show.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) goats but can sell only one (1) goat. Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be sold during the Premium Sale.

II. VALIDATION:

4. Major livestock validation tags and tattoos will be used for the purposes of the NCYE.
5. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Ag Teacher or County Agent within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Validation Committee before Kiosk Check-in.

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

6. **Market Goats will arrive on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.**
7. Stalls will be assigned to each Chapter or Club by the Division Chairperson and animals must remain in their designated stall area.
8. Exhibitors must provide sufficient wood shavings to adequately cover their assigned stalls.
9. **Market Goats will be officially weighed from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Sunday, March 30, 2025.** Tags and tattoos will be examined at the time of weigh-in.
10. Each exhibitor must be present during the official weigh-in or designate a person familiar with the animal to be present.
11. Market Goat Weight Limit: 65 lbs. minimum to 125 lbs. maximum +/- 5 lbs. tolerance. After all market goats have been officially weighed, a second weigh-in (the maximum attempt allowed per Market Goat) can be requested before the conclusion of the official weighing period, but only if a market goat is under the minimum weight allowed or over the maximum weight allowed. Market Goats will be officially weighed, wearing only a collar.

IV. CLASSES:

12. Entries will be divided into classes consisting of no more than 20 entries per class, with weight breaks to be determined by the Division Chairperson(s).

V. COMPETITION:

13. Only wethers will be permitted to compete in the Market Goat Division.
14. All goats must be shorn to 1/4 inch or less above the knee and hock joints. No painting, powdering or artificial coloring is allowed.
15. No sharp pointed horns will be allowed. All horns must be tipped and healed by the NCYE weigh-in date. No external parasites will be allowed on any goats. If a goat is found to possess external parasites at time of show, it will be disqualified.
16. Each Market Goat entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when their animal is in the show ring.
17. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

18. Prizes:

Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Validation:	Saturday	March 1	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Navarro County Expo Center
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
Arrival:	Sunday	March 30	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Weigh-In:	Sunday	March 30	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Judging:	Monday	March 31	30 minutes after Breeding Rabbit Show	
Showmanship:	Monday	March 31	Following selection of Champion Market Rabbits	

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per market rabbit pen will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) market rabbit pens of New Zealand, Californian or any breed recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) as a commercial meat type rabbit and may only sell one (1) pen. Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champions will be sold during the Premium Sale.
3. Exhibitors may show market rabbits which are littered and raised by the exhibitor and/or exhibitors may purchase rabbits to show. Market rabbits must not exceed 70 days of age as of the show date.

II. VALIDATION:

4. For the purpose of NCYE validation, market rabbits must be tattooed in the RIGHT ear. Two validations will be held. The first on **Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** at the Navarro County Expo Center for locally raised rabbits and the second on **Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM** at the Navarro County Expo Center for all purchased rabbits. Deadline for validation is **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, in order to be eligible for the 2025 NCYE; exhibitors that cannot attend either one of the validations must contact the Division Chairperson before **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, to make arrangements to have their animal validated before the deadline.
5. **All market rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo in the LEFT ear PRIOR to March 1, 2025.**
6. It is the exhibitor's responsibly to make sure all rabbits have been validated.

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

7. **Market rabbits will arrive and weigh-in with the Division Chairperson(s) on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.**
8. Market rabbits will be officially weighed during check-in. All rabbits must weigh between the minimum weight of 3 lbs. 8 oz to the maximum weight of 5 lbs. 8 oz as stated in the ARBA Standards for Meat Pens. Rabbit tattoos will be examined, and all entries will be pre-judged for elimination at the time of weigh-in.
9. Each exhibitor must be present during check-in/weigh-in or designate a person familiar with the animal to be present.
10. After the meat pen has been weighed-in, the meat pen will be pre-judged by the show judge. Rabbits will be checked for any defects or faults that would disqualify the pen. The rabbits which the exhibitor has chosen as their entry will be presented at this time.

If a rabbit in the pen is disqualified and the exhibitor has a replacement rabbit that meets the weight requirements and has no defects or faults that would disqualify the rabbit, the replacement rabbit may be used to replace the disqualified rabbit to make a qualified meat pen. If the exhibitor does not have a replacement rabbit, then the exhibitor may choose one of the qualified rabbits in the meat pen to show as a breeding rabbit in the Breeding Rabbit Show and the exhibitor will not be charged an additional entry fee or late-entry fee for the Breeding Rabbit Show.

After the exhibitor's pen of rabbits has passed the pre-judging, any defects or faults which may occur will not be cause for disqualification. Disqualified meat pens will not receive a placing and will not qualify for the Premium Sale. Disqualified meat pens must be removed from the show grounds.

11. Each coop will be pre-marked with the exhibitor's name. Each exhibitor is to place his or her rabbits in the proper coop.

IV. CLASSES:

12. The Market Rabbit Pen will consist of three (3) fryer rabbits, not to exceed 5 lbs. 8 oz each.
13. There will be one (1) class of Market Rabbits.

V. COMPETITION:

14. Each exhibitor is responsible for their own animals. All exhibitors must supply feed, water, and containers for their entries. **Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their rabbits from the assigned coop to the judging coop. One Parent, Ag Teachers or County Agents may help the exhibitor bring their rabbits to the judging coop, but the exhibitor must be present.**
15. All rabbits will be shown in their natural condition. Grooming is allowed only when it does not alter or change the natural state of the rabbit.
16. Entry into the Market Rabbit show may be refused or revoked if an animal possesses any of the following: colds, ear canker, sore hocks, pen sores, buck teeth, and any other obvious illness. Entry revoking and animal removal/disqualification is at the discretion of the show judge.

17. All Market Rabbits must be purebred and will be judged by **official ARBA rules**. The general faults, eliminations, and disqualifications are published in the American Rabbit Breeders Standard of Perfection (2021-2025), or the most recent edition. This publication is available through the American Rabbit Breeders Association, <https://www.arba.net/>
 18. No exhibitor will be allowed behind the judging table unless permitted by show officials. No exhibitor shall, during actual judging, have a discussion with the judge, point out his/her market rabbit, or in any way make known to the judge which is the exhibitor's animal(s).
Exhibitors are not required to stand at the coop while judging unless the exhibitor wants to.
 19. A Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship class will follow the Market Rabbit Judging, see page 14. Each exhibitor must show one of their own rabbits that was exhibited in the Market Rabbit Division of the 2024 NCYE. Disqualified rabbits are not allowed to be shown in showmanship.
- VI. Clean Up:**
20. All Market Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for the cleaning of their pens and exhibition area after official judging is completed. The judging area shall be cleaned and all pens and show equipment placed into an assigned storage area, and then exhibitors will be officially released by the Division Chairperson(s).
- VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS:**
21. Prizes:

Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon

MARKET BROILER DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Arrival:	Monday	March 31	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Judging:	Monday	March 31	9:00 AM
Showmanship:	Monday	March 31	Following selection of Champion Market Broiler

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry. Exhibitors can only enter a total of two (2) coops.
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) coops, but can sell only one (1) coop. (Exception: The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be sold during the Premium Sale.)

II. VALIDATION:

3. Birds must be ordered from the participant's County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher by the order deadline for Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) Broiler entries. Exhibitors may order an additional set of County Birds from Houston. If an additional set of County Birds is ordered by an exhibitor, then only the County Set may be shown at the NCYE. Houston Birds may only be shown at the NCYE, if an additional County Set of birds is not ordered from Houston for the exhibitor.
4. Each exhibitor must show the birds designated by the HLSR, with corresponding wing bands assigned to each exhibitor. County Extension Agent and Agricultural Science Teachers must provide the NCYE with a list of wing bands numbers assigned to each exhibitor by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo within 2 days of the pickup of the chicks.

III. SHOW ARRIVAL:

5. Market Broiler entries will arrive on Monday, March 31, 2025, from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

IV. CLASSES:

6. A coop will consist of three (3) birds.
7. There will be two (2) classes of Market Broiler; cockerels and pullets. The show judge will classify the coop as cockerels or pullets prior to judging.

V. COMPETITION:

8. All birds will be from the same hatch and possess pre-assigned entry wing band numbers.
9. Official judging areas will be cordoned off and only designated individuals will be allowed to handle birds. Participants will handle their own birds during official judging.
10. All market broiler exhibitors are responsible for the cleaning of the exhibition area after all judging is completed.
11. Showmanship, see page 14. Each exhibitor must show one of their own birds that was exhibited in the Market Broiler Division of the 2024 NCYE.

VI. Clean Up:

12. All pens and judging area shall be cleaned, and then exhibitors will be officially released by the Division Chairperson(s).

VIII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

13. Prizes:
Overall Grand Champion: Belt Buckle and Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Banner
1st – 10th Place: Ribbon

REGISTERED HEIFER DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Arrival / Check-In:	Thursday	April 3	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Judging:	Thursday	April 3	2:30 PM
Showmanship:	Thursday	April 3	Following Register Heifer Show

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Each exhibitor may enter and show as many registered heifers as they choose.

II. REGISTRATION PAPERS:

3. Animals entered in the Registered Heifer show must meet the respective breed association requirements for open breeding classes and must be registered in the records of their respective breed association, in the name of the exhibitor, on or before **December 15, 2024**. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate for each animal available for inspection at the Registered Heifer Registration Verification; copies other than certified copies from the breed associations for scramble purposes will not be allowed.

Ownership date on a registration certificate will be interpreted as follows:

- Angus – date issued or processed date
- Beefmaster – purchase date
- Brahman – date of delivery (only ABBA registration papers accepted)
- Brangus – date of ownership
- Braunvieh – date of sale or date of transfer on certificate
- Charolais – sale date
- Hereford – date of transfer on certificate
- Limousine – ownership date
- Maine-Anjou – date of ownership on certificate
- Polled Hereford – date of transfer on certificate
- Red Angus – issued date
- Santa Gertrudis – sale date shown on certificate
- Shorthorn – date of ownership
- Simbrah/Simmental – issue date/reissue date/date of origin or date of sale – whichever is later
- AOB – ownership date based on the ownership of the breed association

III. ARRIVAL:

4. **Registered heifers are to arrive and check in with the Division Chairperson(s) on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM.** Registration verification will be completed during this time.

IV. CLASSES:

5. Ten (10) or more heifers will determine a breed. Less than ten (10) heifers of any one breed will be shown in the following classification:
 - British breeds:** Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford
 - European breeds:** Braunvieh, Charolais, Chianina, Limousine, Maine Anjou, Simmental
 - American breeds:** Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Zebu
 - AOB:** All Other Breeds
6. Classes will be determined by age. If two or less heifers represent an age bracket, they will be re-grouped at the discretion of the Division Chairperson. Heifer age designations are as follows:
 - A. Summer Heifer: 5/1/24 and After
 - B. Junior Heifer: 1/1/24 – 4/30/24
 - C. Senior Heifer: 9/1/23 – 12/31/23
 - D. Summer Yearling: 5/1/23 – 8/31/23
 - E. Junior Yearling: 1/1/23 – 4/30/23
 - F. Senior Yearling: 9/1/22 – 12/31/22

V. COMPETITION:

7. The Registered Heifer Show will be a “blow and go” show. No adhesives, powders, paints, or coloring may be used.
8. Each registered heifer entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when their animal is in the show ring.
9. Any exhibitor that loses control of their heifer three (3) times during the heifer show will be disqualified.
10. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. ANIMAL REMOVAL:

11. Registered heifers will be released by the Division Chairperson(s) and can be removed from the NCYE show grounds following the judging of all classes and the presentation of all awards.

VII. PREMIUM SALE:

12. No registered heifers will be sold during the Premium Sale.

VIII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

13. Prize Money:

# Entries in Class:	1st Place:	2nd Place:	3rd Place:	4th Place:	5th Place:
1 – 3	\$66.00	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4 – 5	\$81.00	\$54.00	\$27.00	\$12.00	\$0.00
6 – 8	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$9.00
9 – 10	\$99.00	\$66.00	\$42.00	\$24.00	\$12.00
11 – 13	\$105.00	\$84.00	\$51.00	\$27.00	\$15.00
14 +	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$18.00

14. Awards:

Grand Champion Heifer: \$100.00, Belt Buckle, and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer: \$75.00 and Banner
Breed Division Champion: \$50.00 and Award
Breed Division Reserve Champion: \$25.00 and Award 1st
– 6th Place: Ribbon

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Arrival:	Monday	March 31	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Judging:	Monday	March 31	10:00 AM
Showmanship:	Monday	March 31	Following selection of Champion Breeding Rabbits

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$5.00 per rabbit will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Each exhibitor may show as many breeding rabbits as they choose.
3. All entries must be owned by the exhibitor by December 15, 2024; otherwise, all prizes and awards are forfeited. Exception for a Market Rabbit that is moved into the Breeding Rabbit Show in accordance with Market Rabbit Rule #10.

II. REGISTRATION:

4. All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo in the **LEFT** ear.

III. ARRIVAL:

5. Breeding rabbits will arrive and check in with the Division Chairperson(s) on Monday, March 31, 2025, from 8:00 AM – 9:00AM.
6. Each coop will be pre-marked with the exhibitor's name, breed name and the ear number of the rabbits. Each exhibitor is required to place his or her rabbits in the proper pre-assigned coop.
7. Breeding rabbits will be pre-judged for elimination.

IV. CLASSES:

8. All purebred rabbits are allowed. All colors of each breed will be judged together in appropriate classes.
9. Classes:
 - a. Senior Bucks: 8+ months of age or older
 - b. Intermediate Bucks: 6 - 7 months of age
 - c. Junior Bucks: 4 - 5 months of age
 - d. Senior Does: 8+ months of age or older
 - e. Intermediate Does: 6 - 7 months of age
 - f. Junior Does: 4 - 5 months of age
 - g. Doe with Litter

V. COMPETITION:

10. Each exhibitor is responsible for their own animals. All exhibitors must supply feed, water, and containers for their entries.
11. All rabbits will be shown in their natural condition. Grooming is allowed only when it does not alter or change the natural state of the rabbit.
12. Entry into the Breeding Rabbit show may be refused or revoked if an animal possesses any of the following: colds, ear canker, sore hocks, open sores, buck teeth, and any other obvious illness. Entry revoking and animal removal/disqualification is at the discretion of the Division Chairpersons and/or show judge.
13. All rabbits must be purebred and will be judged by **official ARBA rules**. The general faults, eliminations, and disqualifications are published in the American Rabbit Breeders Standard of Perfection (2021-2025), or the most recent edition. The publication is available through the American Rabbit Breeders Association, <https://www.arba.net/>
14. No exhibitor will be allowed behind the judging table unless acting in an official capacity. No exhibitor shall, during actual judging, discuss their animal with the judge, point out his/her rabbit, or in any way make known to the judge which is the exhibitor's entry.
15. Substitutions will be allowed in the Breeding Rabbit Show, but only during the time of check-in. Substitutions may be made only within the same breed, class, and color. Exception: a senior doe that litters between entry deadline and the show date may be changed to "doe with litter".
16. A Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship class will follow the Breeding Rabbit Judging. Each exhibitor must show their own rabbit that was exhibited in the Breeding Rabbit Division of the 2024 NCYE.
17. Showmanship – see page 14

VI. Clean Up:

18. All Breeding Rabbit exhibitors are responsible for the cleaning of their pens and exhibition area after official judging is completed. All pens and judging area shall be cleaned, and then exhibitors will be officially released by the Division Chairperson(s).

VII. PREMIUM SALE:

19. No breeding rabbits will be sold during the Premium Sale.

20. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

Best in Show:	Belt Buckle, Award and \$30.00
Reserve in Show:	Award and \$20.00
Best Doe & Litter:	Award and \$20.00
Best of Breed Buck (per breed):	Award
Best of Breed Doe (per breed):	Award
1 st – 5 th Place:	Prize Money
1 st – 6 th Place:	Ribbon

21. Prize Money

Entries in Class:	1st Place:	2nd Place:	3rd Place:	4th Place:	5th Place:
1 – 5	\$17.00	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
6 – 10	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
11 – 20	\$30.00	\$19.00	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$5.00
21 – 35	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
36 +	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Validation:	Thursday	October 24	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Nelson Farms
End Weight:	Monday	March 3	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Nelson Farms
Record Books Due:	Monday	March 17	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Navarro County Expo Center
Arrival:	Tuesday	April 1	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	
Heifer Judging:	Tuesday	April 1	11:00 AM	
Heifer Released:	Tuesday	April 1	After Show	
Exams & Interviews:	Wednesday	April 2	11:00 AM	
Winners Announced:	Thursday	April 3	4:30 PM (Prior to Market Steer Show)	

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter and show two (2) commercial heifers in any class or classes.
3. The Commercial Heifer Show is an opportunity for youth to gain a practical and working knowledge of commercial cow-calf production. Its purpose is to link youth participants with cow-calf producers in Navarro County. A Resource Committee of producers will be available to provide advice and recommendations to all commercial heifer exhibitors. Heifer entries are to be beef heifers of replacement quality, not feeder quality. Crossbred heifers are recommended, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Division will not be a registered animal.
4. All heifers must be purchased from Navarro County beef producers, or from absentee landowners ranching in Navarro County.

II. VALIDATION:

5. Exhibitors may validate as many heifers as they wish for the Commercial Heifer Division but will only be allowed to exhibit two (2) entries. Only the highest point value heifer will be considered for placing, awards, and prize money. Points from the second heifer entry heifer will be eliminated. Any exhibitor whose animal has lost a validation tag must notify the appropriate Division Chairperson within five (5) days of the tag loss. A fee of \$25.00 must be paid to have an animal retagged. If an animal needs to be retagged, it must be retagged by the Division Chair before check-in.
6. For NCYE validation, all commercial heifers must be tagged and valued by a 1 to 3-member committee appointed by the NCYE. Exhibitors must provide the month in which their heifer was born at the time of validation. **All Commercial Heifers must be validated, valued, and classed on Thursday, October 24, 2024; there are no exceptions.**

III. ARRIVAL / WEIGH-IN:

7. All commercial heifers must arrive on Tuesday from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, all heifers shall be placed in designated pens and bedded on wood shavings.
8. **All commercial heifers must be weighed on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Nelson Farms located on FM 744 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. A copy of the weight ticket must be included in the record book.**
9. **All commercial heifer ending market values will be given to each exhibitor by the Division Chairperson on March 3, 2025. This will allow time for each exhibitor to complete their records by the March 17, 2025, record book deadline.**

IV. CLASSES:

10. Entries will be classified and shown in the following breed classifications:
 - British & European Breeds and Crosses
 - Brahman & American Breeds and Crosses
 - AOB
11. Entries will be divided into the following age classes:

a. British & European Spring Heifer:	1/1/24 – 5/31/24
b. British & European Fall Heifer:	8/1/23 – 12/31/23
c. Brahman & American Spring Heifer:	1/1/24 – 5/31/24
d. Brahman & American Fall Heifer:	8/1/23 – 12/31/23
e. AOB Spring Heifer:	1/1/24 – 5/31/24
f. AOB Fall Heifer:	8/1/23 – 12/31/23.

V. COMPETITION:

12. Entries will be evaluated on the following criteria:

A. Heifer Quality:	25 points
B. Feed & Management Records:	25 points
C. Written Examination:	25 points
D. Interview:	25 points
Total:	100 points

A. Heifer Quality (25 points)

1. All commercial heifers will be shown in pens and unfitted. Unfitted is defined as unclipped, and with no use of grooming

supplies. However, heifers shall be rinsed off prior to arrival for the purpose of removing any heavy mud and dirt particles. No hair clipping is allowed after **January 15, 2025**.

2. Each heifer will be judged on beef breed type, body condition, confirmation, temperament, and muscling. The heifer should have a body condition score of 5 to 7. Heifers with a body condition score of 1 to 3 or 9 will not be allowed to show.
3. All commercial heifers will be judged at the NCYE show grounds on Tuesday at 11:00 AM.
4. Heifer quality will be awarded on the following basis:
 - a. Blue Ribbon: 10 points
 - b. Red Ribbon: 8 points
 - c. White Ribbon: 6 points
5. All first-place heifers will be judged together, and a Grand Champion Commercial Heifer will be selected. One (1) additional point will be awarded for exhibiting the Grand Champion.

B. Feeding and Management Records (25 points)

1. All heifers must have the following vaccinations prior to arriving at the NCYE show grounds:
 - a. 8-way blackleg (may include red water component).
 - b. Lepto 5x.
 - c. Campylobacter fetus (Vibriosis); and
 - d. Red Water

Each exhibitor must submit vaccine receipts, or either veterinarian or producer's statement, to certify vaccinations. This certification must be submitted within the commercial heifer record book.

Feeding and management records must be completed on the official 2024 NCYE Commercial Heifer Record Book Form.

They must be submitted from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on March 17, 2025, at the Navarro County Expo Center.

2. **Feeding and management records will start on October 24, 2025, and must be computer generated, or legibly handwritten, with photographs attached.** The Statement of Seller should be included with these records. The record book will consist of the feeding records (such as receipts, veterinary certificates, and project photos), which is outlined on an email provided to each exhibitor at time of validation. Only those materials will be allowed within the record book. Other documents such as continuing education certificates from exhibitor or heifer pedigrees should not be included.
3. A committee designated by the NCYE will evaluate all submitted feeding records. Only **one** record book per exhibitor will be submitted for judging. If an exhibitor has two heifers, the records for both heifers will be kept in one record book.
4. All commercial heifer entries should be polled or dehorned prior to January 15, 2024. If this recommendation is not met, points will be deducted from the Feeding and Management Records score. (See score sheet)

C. & D. Written Examination (25 points) and Interview (25 points)

1. A written examination and oral interview will be given to each exhibitor and evaluated. The written examination score, initial oral interview score, record book score, and the heifer score, will be combined to determine the top five (5). The top five (5) high point exhibitors will be called back for a second interview. The first interview score will be eliminated and only the second interview score will count toward the final score. The second interview will be more in-depth and may include questions concerning current events in the beef industry. Study materials covering these topics will be suggested at an orientation meeting, which will be held during the feeding period at a time to be determined by the Division Chairpersons. The orientation meeting is optional, but exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend.
2. The written examination and oral interview will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions. (See Agriculture General Rule #25).
3. The written examination will be given on Wednesday followed by oral interviews.
4. A study guide for the written examination and oral interview will be provided to exhibitors during heifer validation.
5. Exhibitors in both the Junior and Senior divisions will be asked ten (10) questions during the oral interview. Questions may be derived from the Feeding and Management Records Book and/or supplemental study material(s) provided during heifer validation, and information presented at the orientation meeting.

13. In case of a tie, when placing the Commercial Heifer entries, the highest Quality Score heifer will determine the winner. If a tie still exists, the highest Feeding and Management Records score will determine the winner. If a tie still exists, the highest initial Interview Score will determine the winner. If a tie still exists, the highest test score will determine the winner.

VI. ANIMAL REMOVAL:

14. **All commercial heifer entries must remain in place until released by the Division Chairperson(s) on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, after the show.**
15. All commercial heifer exhibitors will be required to keep their assigned pens clean, and their heifers adequately fed and watered.

VII. PREMIUM SALE:

16. The Navarro County Farm Bureau will offer to purchase the overall Commercial Heifer Division Grand Champion for the purchase price of \$1,500.00. If the exhibitor of the overall Grand Champion Commercial Heifer does not wish to accept this offer it will then be extended to the exhibitor of the overall Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Heifer. If the offer is not accepted, an offer will continue down the placing order until it is accepted. The Navarro County Farm Bureau will sell the purchased heifer during the Premium Sale, with proceeds going to a scholarship fund established by the Navarro County Farm Bureau. The exhibitor of the heifer will not receive any of the Premium Sale proceeds.
17. Except for the heifer purchased by the Navarro County Farm Bureau, no other commercial heifer entry will be sold during the NCYE Premium Sale. The heifer sold during the Premium Sale will be the same animal exhibited during the Commercial Heifer Show. Entries can be sold private treaty but cannot be priced and/or sold until all entries have been judged.

VIII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

18. Prizes:

Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle, Banner, \$200.00 and a commercial beef heifer donated at weaning by a Navarro County Beef Cattle Producer
Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner and \$100.00
Junior Rookie of the Year:	Banner and \$50.00
Senior Rookie of the Year:	Banner and \$50.00
Best Commercial Heifer:	Award
Best Junior Feeding Record:	Award
Best Senior Feeding Record:	Award
Best Junior Written Exam:	Award
Best Senior Written Exam:	Award
Best Junior Oral Exam:	Award
Best Senior Oral Exam:	Award
Best Overall Record Book:	Banner
Best 1 st Time Exhibitor:	Banner
Top 5:	Each exhibitor who makes the Top 5 will be presented an additional prize prior to the Market Steer Show.
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon

19. Prize money:

Junior Division

1 st	\$500.00
2 nd	\$400.00
3 rd	\$300.00
4 th	\$200.00
5 th	\$100.00

Senior Division:

1 st	\$500.00
2 nd	\$400.00
3 rd	\$300.00
4 th	\$200.00
5 th	\$100.00

AGRICULTURE MECHANICS DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Arrival:	Saturday	March 29	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Check-In:	Saturday	March 29	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Judging:	Monday	March 31	9:30 AM
Ag Mech Released:	Saturday	April 5	6:00 PM

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Entries must specify class of project and description of entry. The description of the project must include size of the project (length, width, and height). At the time of entry, exhibitors must specify if the project is entering as a Sale Division or Non-Sale Division entry and cannot be changed.

II. ARRIVAL:

3. **All Agriculture Mechanics entries must be completed, painted, and in place by 4:00 PM, Saturday, March 29, 2025.**
4. The Division Chairperson(s) reserves the right to display the projects as space and quantity of projects allow. It is possible that projects might be displayed at an alternate site. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the NCYE nor the officials of this Division will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects. If a project does not fit under the door to the area in the barn where Ag Mechanics projects are shown/judged, the project will be relocated to a designated area outside the show barn.
5. Entries entered in the Sale Division must set a Minimum Bid for the entry at check in.

III. CLASSES:

6. Depending on the number of entries, a grouping of small and large classes will be left to the discretion of the Division Chairperson(s) and show judge at time of official judging.

7. Classes:

Sale Division

1. Farm/Tractor Implement
2. Livestock Equipment
3. Shop Equipment
4. Gooseneck Trailers less than 15 feet
5. Gooseneck Trailers 15 feet and greater
6. Bumper pull Trailers less than 15 feet
7. Bumper pull Trailers 15 feet and greater
8. Convenience Home *Example: Ladder, wood racks, electrical projects, etc.*
9. Miscellaneous Sporting *Example: Hunting, recreational, deer stands, picnic table, swings, etc.*
10. Barbeque Trailers
11. Barbeque Non-Trailers
12. Cowboy Cookers with grills (non-Smoker – no lid)
13. Fire Pits
14. Tractor Restoration

Non-Sale Division

1. Farm/Tractor Implement
2. Livestock Equipment
3. Shop Equipment
4. Gooseneck Trailers less than 15 feet
5. Gooseneck Trailers 15 feet and greater
6. Bumper Pull Trailers less than 15 feet
7. Bumper Pull Trailers 15 feet and greater
8. Convenience Home *Example: Ladder, wood racks, electrical projects, etc.*
9. Miscellaneous Sporting *Example: Hunting, recreational, deer stands, picnic table, swings, etc.*
10. Barbeque Trailers
11. Barbeque Non-Trailers
12. Cowboy Cookers with grills (non-Smoker – no lid)
13. Fire Pits
14. Tractor Restoration

8. Exhibitor(s) in the Tractor Restoration classes are not eligible for the Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion Awards.

IV. COMPETITION:

9. Entries must be built with full supervision and oversight of a County Extension Agent, 4-H Sponsor, Agricultural Science Teacher, or Industrial Arts Teacher. Sale Division and Non-Sale Division entries may be built and shown by individuals or by groups. No entries will be accepted in the Agriculture Mechanics Division that qualifies for competition in the Wood Working Division or Creative Art Division. Projects can only be shown one time at the NCYE and must be built during the competition year April through March.

- 10. Exhibitor and school/club signs should be placed on each project to help with identification of award winners and media photographs.
- 11. Each exhibitor MUST be present at the time of judging to answer any question(s) posed by the show judge.

- 12. Projects will be judged as follows:
 - a. Workmanship and Degree of Difficulty: 40 points
 - b. Sound Structural Design, Balance and Weld Quality: 30 point
 - c. Presentation: 30 points
 - Total: 100 points**

- 13. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Showmanship ribbons will be presented to the exhibitors selected as having presented the best public image. Showmanship will have a Jr. and Sr. Division. See page 17. Only showmanship exhibitors are required to complete a project book. Judging will occur during the Agriculture Mechanics show and chosen by the show judge. Major considerations in the selection of a Showmanship winner will include the following:
 - a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects.
 - b. Appropriate display of project plans, bill-of-materials, and photographs.
 - c. Cleanliness of area around project(s); and
 - d. Conduct, attitude, and participation of exhibitor(s).

V. REMOVAL:

- 14. All Agriculture Mechanics entries must be removed by 6:00 PM, April 5, 2025.
- 15. All entries will be released by the Division Chairperson and responsibility for security will end at 9:00 PM on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

VI. STARS OF EXPO AUCTION:

- 16. An exhibitor's entries which are not in the Stars of Expo Auction can be sold but cannot be priced or sold until all entries are judged. Sales of entered items are between the exhibitor and buyer. The NCYE is not responsible for any *private treaty* sale(s) in any Division, and no private treaty sale(s) will be sanctioned or facilitated by the NCYE.
- 17. See General Rule 54

VII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

- 18. Prizes:

Overall Sale Division Grand Champion:	Banner
Overall Sale Division Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
Overall Non-Sale Division Grand Champion:	Banner
Overall Non-Sale Division Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
1 st – 10 th Place:	Ribbon
Jr. Showmanship:	Award
Sr. Showmanship:	Award

19. Non-Sale Division Prize Money:

1 st	\$35.00
2 nd	\$25.00
3 rd	\$20.00
4 th - 6 th	\$15.00

WOOD WORKING DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Arrival:
Judging:

Tuesday
Tuesday

April 1
April 1

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
10:00 AM

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry.
2. Entries must specify class of project and description of entry. The description of the project must include size of the project (length, width, and height).

II. ARRIVAL:

3. All Wood Working entries must be completed, painted, and in place by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.
4. The Division Chairperson(s) reserves the right to display the projects as space and quantity of projects allow. It is possible that projects might be displayed at an alternate site. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the NCYE nor the officials of this Division will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects. If a project does not fit through the door to the area where the Wood Working projects are shown/judged, the project will be relocated to a designated area on the show grounds.

III. CLASSES:

5. Depending on the number of entries, a grouping of classes will be left to the discretion of the Division Chairperson(s) and show judge at time of official judging.
6. Classes:
 - Large Projects – 6'x6'x6' and over
 - Medium Projects – 3'x3'x3' up to 6'x6'x6'
 - Small Projects – under 3'x3'x3'

IV. COMPETITION:

7. Entries must be **built** with full supervision and oversight of a County Extension Agent, 4-H Sponsor, Agricultural Science Teacher, Industrial Arts Teacher or FCCLA Leader.
8. No entries will be accepted in the Wood Working Division that qualifies for competition in the Agriculture Mechanics Division or Creative Art Division.
9. Exhibitor and school/club signs should be placed on each project to help with identification of award winners and media photographs.
10. Each exhibitor MUST be present at the time of judging to answer any question(s) posed by the show judge.
11. Projects will be judged as follows:

a.	Workmanship:	40 points
b.	Sound Structural Design & Balance:	30 points
c.	<u>Question Participation:</u>	<u>30 points</u>
	Total:	100 points
12. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Showmanship ribbons will be presented to the exhibitors selected as having presented the best public image. Showmanship will have a Jr. and Sr. Division. See page 17. Judging will occur during the Wood Working show and chosen by the show judge. Major considerations in the selection of a Showmanship winner will include the following:
 - a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects.
 - b. Appropriate display of project plans, bill-of-materials, and photographs.
 - c. Cleanliness of area around project(s); and
 - d. Conduct, attitude, and participation of exhibitor(s).

V. ENTRY REMOVAL:

13. Once released by the Division Chairperson(s), Wood Working entries can be removed from the NCYE show grounds following the judging of all classes and the presentation of all awards.

VI. STARS OF EXPO AUCTION:

14. An exhibitor's entries which are not in the Stars of Expo Auction can be sold but cannot be priced or sold until all entries are judged. Sales of entered items are between the exhibitor and buyer. The NCYE is not responsible for any *private treaty* sale(s) in any Division, and no private treaty sale(s) will be sanctioned or facilitated by the NCYE.
15. See General Rule 53.

VII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

16. Prizes:

Overall Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
Jr. Grand Champion	Award
Jr. Reserve Grand Champion	Award
Sr. Grand Champion	Award
Sr. Reserve Grand Champion	Award
1 st – 6 th Place:	Ribbon
Jr. Showmanship:	Banner
Sr. Showmanship:	Banner

FOOD DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Arrival:	Monday	March 31	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Judging:	Monday	March 31	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Results:	Monday	March 31	3:30 PM
Public Viewing:	Monday	March 31	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Entry Pick-up:	Monday	March 31	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. An entry fee of \$20.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry. Recipe Forms are to be submitted during official check-in. Recipes will become property of the NCFE for future reference.
2. **Exhibitors may enter a total of two (2) food items in the Food Division. The Food Division is an individual project, no group entries are permitted.** Students are responsible for specifying an age Division on their online entry. Entries must specify the class of project.

II. CHECK-IN:

3. **Entries will be checked in on Monday, March 31, 2025, from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM in the (Large) Fannie Mae Vernon Room of the NCFE show grounds. Entries will NOT be accepted without the Recipe Form.**

III. CLASSES:

4. It is the exhibitor's decision on which class to enter in. Food entries must be placed into one of the following classes listed below:
 1. Candies
 2. Cookies
 3. Pies
 4. Muffins & Breads
 5. Canned Products
 6. Fruit or Nut Cakes
 7. Chocolate Cakes
 8. Pound Cakes
 9. Enhanced Cakes
 10. Other Cakes

IV. COMPETITION:

5. **Food Entries will be judged using an electronic scorecard on the following criteria:**

a. Taste:	15 pts
b. Texture and Consistency:	15 pts
c. Degree of Difficulty and Creativity	15 pts
d. <u>Appearance and Presentation:</u>	<u>15 pts</u>
Total:	60 pts

All entries will receive a score. Scores will be posted on JudgingCard.com.

6. All entries must be accompanied upon arrival with a Recipe Form. Recipes must be handwritten or typed on an official form (may use back of form) **with no attachments. Two (2) copies** of the Recipe Form for each entry shall be submitted during official check-in. Please provide a contact telephone number on the back of the Recipe Form.
7. Any recipe winning Grand Champion may **not** be entered in subsequent years.
8. All recipes must be made from scratch (including pie crusts) except for enhanced mix cakes. Brownie mixes, Bisquick, and refrigerated or canned pastries items are not allowed to be used individually or in recipe. All enhanced cake mixes must contain at least five (5) other ingredients (not including the "normal ingredients" such as egg, water, milk, or oil).
9. **All decorations must be edible.** Nothing inedible will be allowed on food entries. Examples are (but not limited to): paper or foil dollies, napkins, birds, bird nests, ribbon, flowers, and other similar items. No candles or open flames are allowed.
10. All food entries must be placed in or on a disposable container such as a paper plate, foam plate, cardboard, aluminum pie pan or similar container. Hard plastic is not disposable and is not allowed. Nothing will be provided for you to transfer your entry into or onto. Cakes, pies, and breads must be brought in whole. Candies, cookies, and muffins must have a minimum of a dozen (12). **The dimensions of the base cannot exceed 17" x 17"**. Canned products must be in standard jars – pint or quart only. The use of paraffin or decorative lid coverings is prohibited. All canned product jars must be clean and unchipped with new lids and rings.
11. **No exhibitor will be allowed in the judging area while judging is in progress unless permitted by show officials. No exhibitor shall, during actual judging, have a discussion with the judge, point out his/her project or in any way make known to the judge which is the exhibitor's project(s). Exhibitors, Parents, Ag Teachers, County Agents and FCCLA Leaders must stay in the designated viewing area while judging is taking place.**

V. ENTRY REMOVAL:

12. **All food entries are to be removed from the NCFE on Monday, March 31, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM.** Any entry remaining after 5:30 PM will be disposed of, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Division Chairperson(s).

VI. STARS OF EXPO AUCTION:

- 13. The Division Chair will call and notify the exhibitors who are in the Stars of Expo Auction.
- 14. A fresh product must be prepared prior to the Stars of Expo Auction to be presented to the buyer after it is purchased. **All entries that are selected for the Stars of Expo Auction must be sold.**
- 15. No burning candle or open flame is allowed in a Stars of Expo Auction display.
- 16. Participants or representatives shall stay with their auction item until the buyer arrives to pick up the item.

VII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

- 17. Prizes:
 - Overall Grand Champion: Belt Buckle and Banner
 - Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Banner
 - Jr. Grand Champion: Award
 - Jr. Reserve Grand Champion: Award
 - Sr. Grand Champion: Award
 - Sr. Reserve Grand Champion: Award
 - 1st – 6th Place: Ribbon
 - Most Creative Junior: Award
 - Most Creative Senior: Award

CREATIVE ART DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Arrival:	Tuesday	April 1	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Judging:	Tuesday	April 1	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Results:	Tuesday	April 1	3:30 PM
Public Viewing:	Tuesday	April 1	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Entry Pick-up:	Tuesday	April 1	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

I. ENTRIES:

1. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 per entry will be charged and must be submitted with the online entry. A Project Summary Sheet is to be submitted with each entry at the time of official check-in. Project Summary Sheets shall **not** be submitted with the Entry Form.
2. **Exhibitors may enter a total of two (2) items in the Creative Art Division.** Students are responsible for specifying an age Division on their online entry. Entries must specify the class of project. Group entries are allowed.

II. CHECK-IN:

3. **Entries will be checked in on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM in the (Large) Fannie Mae Vernon Room of the NCYE show grounds. Entries will not be accepted without a Summary Form.**

III. CLASSES:

4. The Division Chairperson will have the sole discretion to combine classes, depending on the number of entries.
5. It is the exhibitor's decision on which class to enter in. Creative Art entries must be placed into one of the following divisions listed below. The following are examples of projects which are contained in each category.
 1. **Fine Arts:**
Items such as paintings, original drawings, clay, glass, etc.
 2. **Photography:**
Must be printed on **8"x10"** photo paper. Foam board **not** required.
 3. **Crafts:**
Items such as decorated clothing, soaps, holiday items, jewelry, room design, toys, etc.
 4. **Stitchery:**
Items such as crewel, crochet, embroidery, hand stitched items, knitting, needlepoint, stuffed projects, etc.
 5. **Leather Working Small – under 2'x2'x2':** Items may be hand stitched or machine stitched
 6. **Leather Working Large – 2'x2'x2' and over:** Items may be hand stitched or machine stitched
 7. **Quilts:**
Items may be hand stitched or machine stitched
 8. **Refurbished/Repurposed:**
Items such as old furniture that has been redone or original items made into something new, etc.
 9. **Large Projects – 6'x6'x6' and over:**
Items such as Lamps, Mirrors, etc.
 10. **Medium Projects – over 2'x2'x2' and under 6'x6'x6':**
Items such as Lamps, Mirrors, etc.
 11. **Small Projects – under 2'x2'x2':**
Items such as Lamps, Mirrors, etc.
 12. **Blacksmith:**
Items such as Knives, Buckles, etc.

IV. COMPETITION:

6. **Entries will be judged using an electronic scorecard on the following criteria:**
 - a. **Technique and Selection of Materials:** 15 pts
 - b. **Originality:** 15 pts
 - c. **Complexity and Quality of Workmanship:** 15 pts
 - d. **Overall Appearance and Presentation:** 15 ptsTotal: 60 pts

All entries will receive a score. Scores will be posted on JudgingCard.com.

7. **All entries must be accompanied upon arrival with a Project Summary Sheet.** A Project Summary Sheet shall include the participant's supplies used, timeline of preparation for the project, and the inspiration for completing the project. Summary Sheets must be handwritten or typed on official form (may use back of form) **with no attachments.** No names, signatures, or pictures showing the student(s) making the project are allowed on the projects.
8. A Grand Champion Project cannot be entered in subsequent years.
9. There are size limitations and certain restrictions for some projects, including but not limited to:
 - Paintings or Drawings: no frame or matt allowed.
 - Photographs: must be 8" x 10" with no frame or matt allowed.
 - Fashion Design Illustration: matted on construction paper, sketch in ink, pencil, or color wash.

- Room Design: one room (10'x20') included swatches, material samples, carpet, paneling used and attach to poster.
10. No entries will be accepted in the Creative Art Division that qualifies for competition in the Agriculture Mechanics Division or Wood Working Division. Creative Art entries should be decorative in nature. Creative Art wood and metal items are items created from a kit or embellished or repurposed. Blacksmithing items will be entered into one of the Creative Art classes. No decorative pieces may be added to the entry unless it is made by the exhibitor. (Example: pillows on a bench, etc.)
 11. No exhibitor will be allowed in the judging area while judging is in progress unless permitted by show officials. No exhibitor shall, during actual judging, have a discussion with the judge, point out his/her project or in any way make known to the judge which is the exhibitor's project(s). Exhibitors, Parents, Ag Teachers, County Agents and FCCLA Leaders must stay in the designated viewing area while judging is taking place.

V. ENTRY REMOVAL:

12. All Creative Art entries are to be removed from the NCYE on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Any entry remaining after 5:30 PM will be disposed of, unless prior arrangements are made with the Division Chairperson(s).

VI. STARS OF EXPO AUCTION:

13. The Division Chair will call and notify the exhibitors who are in the Stars of Expo Auction.
14. Paintings, drawings, and photographs that are in the Stars of Expo Auction may be matted and framed for sale in the Stars of Expo Auction only. **For judging purposes, no frame or matt will be allowed. All entries that are selected for the Stars of Expo Auction must be sold.**
15. All exhibits must be self-powered.
16. No burning candle or open flame is allowed in a Stars of Expo Auction display.
17. Participants or representatives shall stay with their auction item until the buyer arrives to pick up the item.

VII. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

18. Prizes:

Overall Grand Champion:	Belt Buckle and Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion:	Banner
Jr. Grand Champion:	Award
Jr. Reserve Grand Champion:	Award
Sr. Grand Champion:	Award
Sr. Reserve Grand Champion:	Award
1 st – 6 th Place:	Ribbon

Food Challenge Contest Rules

Friday, April 4, 2025

Large Fannie Mae Vernon Room

Chairpersons: Lorie Stovall and Cecily Nors

PURPOSE:

More than 100,000 youth participate in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project, learning how to prepare nutritious and safe meals and snacks and adopt behaviors that can help reduce their risk for chronic diseases. This contest challenges teams of 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members to create a food dish using only a "Key" ingredient and "clover cash" to purchase additional items from the pantry. From these ingredients, team members must create and prepare the dish, then make a 5-minute presentation to the judges which includes knowledge of My Plate, Nutrition knowledge, Food Preparation, safety Concerns, and Serving Size.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide opportunities for participants to exhibit their knowledge and skill when preparing and presenting a dish;
- Provide opportunities for participants to learn from other team members;
- Promote teamwork;
- Give participants opportunities for public speaking;
- Provide leadership opportunities; and
- Give youth the opportunity to participate in a new, exciting, competitive event.

RULES:

1. **Participation:** Participants must be 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development County Program, local school FFA Chapter or local school FCCLA Chapter in Navarro County. All participants must be in compliance with U.I.L. regulations. Each participant must complete a RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

Note: The rules of play for Food Challenge have changed. Please refer to the 2022-23 Food Challenge Guide for all rule changes.

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/food_challenge_rules_guidelines_2023.pdf

2. **Age Divisions:** Age divisions are determined by a participant's official school grade as of March 1, 2024, as follows:
Junior – 3rd grade-8th grade
Senior – 9th grade-12th grad
3. **Members Per Team:** Each team will have at least three and no more than four members. Teams may not include members in different age divisions.
4. **Substitution of Team Members:** Substitution of team members should only be made if necessary.
5. **Entry Fee:** Each team will be required to pay a registration fee of \$40.00. Checks will be payable to **NCYE**. Submit to the NCYE with entry forms. NCYE, PO Box 96, Barry, Texas 75102.
6. **Food Categories:** In each age division, there will be four (4) Food Categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, and Healthy Dessert. Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, but assignments will not be announced until check-in the day of the contest.
7. **Attire:** Each team will have the option of wearing coordinated clothing and aprons. All team members must wear hair restraints and closed toed shoes. No jewelry (except medically required) or electronic devices are allowed including smart watches or other communication devices.
8. **Resource Materials Provided at Contest:** Resource materials will be provided for each team at the contest. These include MyPlate Mini-Poster, Fight Bac - Fight Food Borne Bacteria Brochure, Know Your Nutrients, Food Safety Fact Sheet, and the Food Challenge Worksheet. No other resource materials will be allowed. Teams may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest.
9. **Supply Box:** 4 0 X 2 4 X 4 0 **Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge.** Teams may bring only the supplies listed in the supply box section. Supply boxes can be checked by contest officials. Any extra equipment will be confiscated, and the team may be disqualified. This year's new gadget is a spiralizer. See Supply Box List.

Pantry Ingredients – Each team may include in their supply box the following "pantry" ingredients which they may use when preparing their dish if desired. There is no requirement to use these items, nor is it mandatory that teams include these in their supply box.

- Salt
- Pepper
- Oils (up to 17 oz)
- 1 jar chicken bouillon
- 1 medium onion
- 2 cans vegetables and/or fruit (up to 16 oz) - team choice
- Rice (white or brown) or pasta (up to 16 oz) –team choice
- Corn starch or flour (up to 1 lb.)

10. **Awards:** The top five high scoring teams in each food category will be recognized with placing ribbons during the awards program.

11. *Participants With Disabilities:* Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the AgriLife Extension Office at least two (2) weeks before the competition. Contact Lorie Stovall at 903-654-3075.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, April 1, 2025 (tentative upon registered teams)
8:00am Check-in (Small Fannie Mae Room)
8:15 am Contest begins
9:30am Judging of 1st Heat begins
9:15am 2nd Heat begins
10:15am Judging of 2nd Heat begins
11:00am Tentative Awards Program

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 1, 2024

SUPPLY BOX LIST:

Beverage glass Bowls (up to 4 - any size)
Calculator
Can Opener
Colander
Cutting Boards (up to 4)
Disposable tasting spoons (no limit)
Dry measuring cups (1 set)
Electric Skillet
Extension cord (multiple outlet or strip style). Teams should be certain the extension cord is compatible (2-prong/3-prong) with the plugs on their electrical supplies
First aid kit
Food thermometer
Fork
Gloves
Grater
Hand sanitizer
Hot pads (up to 5)
Kitchen shears (1 pair)
Kitchen timer
Knives (up to 6)
Liquid measuring cup
Manual pencil sharpener
Measuring spoons (1 set)
Non-stick cooking spray
Note cards (1 package - no larger than 5 X 7)
Paper towels (1 roll)
Pancake turner (up to 2)
Pencils (no limit)
Plastic tub & trash bags for dirty equipment (can be placed on top of supply box)
Pot with lid
Potato masher and peeler
Sanitizing wipes (1 container)
Serving dishes/utensils 1 plate/platter 1 bowl 1 utensil
Skewers (1 set)
Skillet with lid Spatulas (up to 2)
Stirring spoon
Storage bags (1 box)
Tongs (up to 2)
Toothpicks (no limit)
Two single-burner hot plates or One double- burner plate (electric only!)
Whisk
2 Cookie Cutters (team choice)

**NCYE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

1. The NCYE Executive Committee will be comprised of the following voting members:
 - General Chairperson(s)
 - Immediate Past General Chairperson(s)
 - Agriculture General Chairperson
 - Family and Consumer Sciences General Chairperson
 - Premium Sale Chairperson
 - Steak Lunch Chairperson
 - Show Operations/Facilities Chairperson
 - Agriculture Science Teacher Representative
 - County Extension Agent Representative
 - School Superintendent Representative
 - Member(s) at Large
2. The incoming General Chairperson(s) will be elected by a majority vote of the NCYE Executive Committee.
3. The General Chairperson(s) will serve a two-year term. The General Chairperson(s) is responsible for keeping records of each meeting. The General Chairperson(s) will serve as Immediate Past Chairperson(s) once their term is completed.
4. The Agriculture General Chairperson, Family and Consumer Science General Chairperson, Premium Sale Chairperson, Steak Lunch Chairperson and Show Operations Chairperson will be appointed by the General Chairperson(s).
5. Three (3) Member(s) at Large will be elected by the Executive Committee. Members at Large will serve a three (3) year term. A Member at Large must wait one year before being re-elected as a Member at Large.
6. The Agriculture Science Teacher Representative will be elected by the Agriculture Science Teachers in Navarro County.
7. The Navarro County 4-H Agent will serve as the County Extension Agent Representative.
8. The School Superintendent Representative will be elected by the School Superintendents in Navarro County.
9. The Executive Committee will elect a Treasurer. The Treasurer shall attest to documents, keep an account of the funds received and expended by the NCYE, and make disbursement(s) authorized by the Executive Committee. All sums received by the NCYE shall be deposited in an FDIC insured bank approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report when called upon by the General Chairperson(s). In all instances, an NCYE disbursement check shall possess two authorized signatures. All NCYE funds, accounting records, and payment documents will be subject to inspection and verification by the Executive Committee.
10. Five (5) Executive Committee Members present at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and any matter brought before a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be decided by a voting majority.
11. The Executive Committee shall approve, interpret, and enforce all rules and regulations of the NCYE.
12. The following Division Chairs will be nominated by the General Chairperson(s) and approved by the Executive Committee:

Breeding Rabbit	Registered Heifer	Market Rabbit
Market Steer	Commercial Heifer	Market Hog
Market Lamb	Market Goat	Agriculture Mechanics
Market Broiler	Food	Creative Arts
Wood Working	Expo of Champions	
13. The following Activity Chairs will be nominated by the General Chairperson(s) and approved by the Executive Committee:

Show Records	Show Announcer
Honor Students	Volunteer Coordinator
Information Booth	Press & Publicity
Market Animal Floor Price	Commercial Exhibits
Corporate Sponsors	Exhibitor Awards
NCYE Premium Sale "Pot" Funds	Other Committee Chairs (appointed as needed)
14. The Validation Committee is comprised of the General Chairperson(s), Agriculture General Chairperson, Agriculture Science Teacher Representative, Navarro County 4-H Agent and the Division Chair(s) for the respective Division.
15. General Meeting Dates:
 - 2nd Monday in September 5:30pm
 - 2nd Monday in November 5:30pm
 - 2nd Monday in January 5:30pm
 - 2nd Monday in February 5:30pm
 - 2nd Monday in March 5:30pm
 - Saturday of the Show Noon
 - 2nd Monday in April 5:30pm
 - 2nd Monday in May 5:30pm

2025 NAVARRO COUNTY YOUTH EXPO SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29, 2025		
10:00am to 4:00pm	Kiosk Check-In for All Market Animals, Ag Mech, Wood, Food and Creative Art	Small Vernon Room
11:30am to 1:00pm	Honor Students and Volunteer Lunch	Large Vernon Room
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Tack Move In/Setup	All Barns
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Camper Arrival	
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Arrival of Ag Mechanics	Ag Mech Barn
Sunday, March 30, 2025		
Noon to 2:00pm	Arrival of Market Steers	Cattle Barn
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Arrival of Market Lambs	Lamb Barn
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Arrival of Market Goats	Goat Barn
1:00pm to 3:00pm	Weigh-in of Market Steers	Cattle Barn
3:30pm to 4:30pm	Weigh-in of Market Lambs	Lamb Barn
3:30pm to 4:30pm	Weigh-in of Market Goats	Goat Barn
4:00pm to 7:00pm	Arrival and Weigh-in of Market Rabbits	Main Arena
5:30pm to 7:30pm	Arrival and Weigh-in of Market Hogs	Hog Barn
Monday, March 31, 2025		
7:30am to 9:00am	Arrival of Food Entries	Large Vernon Room
7:30am to 8:30am	Arrival of Market Broilers	Main Arena
8:00am to 9:00am	Arrival of Breeding Rabbits	Main Arena
9:00am	Market Broiler Show	Main Arena
Following Market Broiler Show	Market Broiler Showmanship	Main Arena
Following Market Broiler Showmanship	Market Broiler Pictures	Main Arena
9:30am	Ag Mechanics Show	Ag Mech Barn
Following Ag Mech Show	Ag Mechanics Pictures	Ag Mech Barn
10:00am	Breeding Rabbit Show	Main Arena
Following Breeding Rabbit Show	Breeding Rabbit Showmanship	Main Arena
Following Breeding Rabbit Showmanship	Breeding Rabbit Pictures	Main Arena
30 minutes following Breeding Rabbit Showmanship	Market Rabbit Show	Main Arena
Following Market Rabbit Show	Market Rabbit Showmanship	Main Arena
Following Market Rabbit Showmanship	Market Rabbit Pictures	Main Arena
3:30pm to 5:00pm	Food Results and Public Viewing	Large Vernon Room
5:00pm to 5:30pm	Food Show Entry Pick Up	Large Vernon Room

Tuesday, April 1, 2025		
7:30am to 9:00am	Arrival of Creative Art Entries	Large Vernon Room
7:30am to 9:00am	Arrival of Wood Working Entries	Wood Working Barn
7:30am to 9:00am	Arrival of Commercial Heifers	Cattle Pens
10:00am	Wood Working Show	Wood Working Barn
Following Wood Working Show	Wood Working Pictures	Wood Working Barn
11:00am	Commercial Heifer Show	Cattle Pens
Following Commercial Heifer Show	Release of Commercial Heifers	Cattle Pens
3:30pm to 5:00pm	Creative Art Results and Public Viewing	Large Vernon Room
4:00pm	Market Hog Show	Main Arena
Following Market Hog Show	Market Hog Pictures	Main Arena
5:00pm to 5:30pm	Creative Art Entry Pick Up	Large Vernon Room
Wednesday, April 2, 2025		
11:00am	Commercial Heifer Test & Interview	Large Vernon Room
1:00pm	Market Lamb Show	Main Arena
Following Market Lamb Show	Market Lamb Pictures	Main Arena
4:00pm	Market Goat Show	Main Arena
Following Market Goat Show	Market Goat Pictures	Main Arena
Thursday, April 3, 2025		
8:00am to 10:00am	Arrival of Registered Heifers	Cattle Barn
9:00am to 1:00pm	Expo of Champions	Main Arena and Large Vernon Room
2:30pm	Registered Heifer Show	Main Arena
Following Registered Heifer Show	Registered Heifer Pictures	Main Arena
4:30pm	Commercial Heifer Results	Main Arena
Later of 5:00pm or Following Registered Heifer Show	Market Steer Show	Main Arena
Following Market Steer Show	Market Steer Pictures	Main Arena
Friday, April 4, 2025		
8:00am	Food Challenge Contest	Large Vernon Room
1:00pm	Premium and Stars of Expo Set Up	Main Arena/ IOOF Event Center
6:00pm	Stars of Expo Sale	IOOF Event Center

Saturday, April 5, 2025		
11:30am to 1:30pm	Steak Lunch	Main Arena
1:00pm	Premium Sale	Main Arena