

# HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

**JANUARY 5-8, 2012**



## **RULE BOOK**

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HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR**

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1:00 p.m. Set Up All  
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### Wednesday, January 4, 2012

2:45 p.m. Superintendents  
Meeting

3:30 p.m. Check In:  
❖ Craft  
❖ Clothing & Textiles  
❖ Photography  
& Art  
❖ Clover Kids

5:30 p.m. Doors closed to public  
- no late entries  
accepted!  
Only Authorized  
people will be  
allowed to remain in  
the building after 5:30.

6:00 p.m. Orientation & Judges  
Supper

6:30 p.m. Judging

### Thursday, January 5, 2012

12:00 p.m. Livestock Come In

2:45 p.m. Food Superintendent  
& Helper Orientation

3:30 p.m. Check In:  
❖ Food  
❖ Clover Kids

5:30 p.m. All HE Division entries  
must be checked in -  
no late entries accepted!  
No unauthorized people  
in HE area while judging.

4:30 p.m. Check In:  
❖ Poultry

5:00 p.m. Poultry Show

6:00 p.m. Orientation & Food  
Judges Supper

6:00 p.m. Check In:  
❖ Rabbit

6:00 p.m. All animals in place.  
Check In : Weigh in and  
classification begins.

6:45 p.m. Rabbit Show

7:00 p.m. Breeding Sheep Show  
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### Friday, January 6, 2012

7:30 Market Lambs  
Showmanship  
Market Goats  
Showmanship

8:00 Home Economics  
Division Open to  
Public

11:30 Home Economics  
Items - for sale

12:00 (Approximate time)  
Home Economics  
Awards - Main Ring

1:00 p.m. (Following lunch)  
Breeding Swine  
Market Swine  
Showmanship

### Saturday, January 7, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dairy Cattle Show  
Showmanship  
Dairy Goats  
Pee Wee Swine

8:00 a.m. HE Division Open

9:00 a.m. Beef Heifers  
Pee Wee Sheep  
Market Beef Show  
Showmanship

10:00 Home Economics - pick  
up entries 12:00 close

6:00 p.m. BBQ Meal

7:00 p.m. PREMIUM SALE

### Sunday, January 8, 2012

1:00 p.m. Clean Up

*Please Remember: this is an all-volunteer show. Please do your part by helping keep trash picked up, dumping trash cans into dumpster before they get overstuffed, and helping wherever needed.*

## **Hamilton County Livestock Association**

**President**  
**Billie Hall**

**Vice President**  
**John Mark Jester**

**Treasurer**  
**Charlette Boyd**

**Secretary**  
**Krista Anderson**

### **Superintendents**

**Overall Show Superintendent :**

**Joe Corbit**

**Assistant Overall Show Superintendent :**

**Jody Tyson**

**Cattle (Beef & Dairy) Superintendent:**  
**Mike Christian**

**Home Eco. Assistant Superintendent:**  
**Rena Sliger**

**Sheep & Goat Superintendent:**  
**Robin Voges**

**Home Economics Show Secretary:**  
**Cheryl McDonald**

**Poultry Superintendent :**  
**Mark Algood**

**Home Economics Association**  
**Secretary:**  
**Kristi Wagner**

**Rabbit Superintendent :**  
**Jennifer Hopson**

**Clothing & Textile Department**  
**Denise Hughes -Superintendent**

**Breeding Sheep and Goat**  
**Superintendent :**  
**Bruce Boyd**

**Foods Department**  
**Deanna Melde - Senior Supt.**  
**Suzi Bottlinger - Assist. Sr. Supt.**  
**Bill Taylor - Junior Supt.**  
**Mary Owen - Junior Assist. Supt.**

**Swine Superintendent**  
**Brandon Haile**

**Pee Wee / Clover Kids Superintendent :**  
**Livestock – Darrell**

**Craft Department**  
**Lynn Muxworthy - Sr. Superintendent**  
**Jessica Hughes - Jr. Superintendent**

**Banner Superintendent**  
**Johnny Wagner**

**Photography & Art Department**  
**Jessica Wagner - Sr. Supt.**  
**Elizabeth Marquess-Jr. Supt.**

**Awards Superintendent:**  
**Sherry Hall**

**Home Economics Superintendent:**  
**Darla Cole**

**Technology**  
**Misty Slone & Lisa Wagner**

## Home Economics Division

Home Economics entries will follow the general rules of the show as well as the following rules.

**It is highly recommended that all Home Economics items be covered with transparent plastic wrap. (Your items will get filthy if not covered.)**

Home economics exhibitors may enter one entry per class in each category. It is the participant's responsibility to read the rules and go by their specifications. Any missing mandatory requirements on any entry will result the item not being placed.

Late entries are allowed at check in time, however, there will be an additional \$10 fee added to the original entry fee. When late entries are admitted, the Exhibitor must show proof of the following:

- a. Residency as noted in the General Rules;
- b. Academic compliance
- c. Organizational membership (4H, FFA, FCCLA)

Any item that is found offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate will be disqualified and not put on exhibit.

### Foods Department

- **All entries made from scratch except mix plus.**
- Attach recipe on top of product. Recipes will be due at the check in. Do not include your name on recipe.
- **\*\*Acceptable containers: ONLY DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS.** Plastic domes, zip lock bags, oven roaster bags, foil covered cardboard, glad disposals, Saran wrap if all else fails. Non acceptable containers: Rubbermaid™, Tupperware™, non-see through containers, glass (except for preservation), breakables. Absolutely no other container including baskets. Creativity on decorations and making foods look attractive is encouraged –decorative containers are not.
- No non-edible decoration except for decorated cake category. This includes doilies, tissue paper, ribbons, fabrics, beads, etc.
- Twelve cookies, muffins, candy, etc or one recipe constitute an entry; one container. Display space is limited. Keep minimal size.
- All food will be tasted.
- In the foods department, exhibitors are limited to no more than 15 entries.

**If you enter any food product with the following : cream cheese filling or frosting, custards, whipped cream topping, meringues, fresh uncooked fruit/vegetable (even for garnishing), it can compete but will NOT be allowed to sell to the public for any reason.**

### A - Cake Category

Classes :

1. Decorated
2. Sponge or Angel or Pound
3. Chocolate
4. Fruit or Vegetable (ex: banana/carrot)
5. Mix Plus
6. Cupcakes
7. Other

### B - Cookie Category

Classes :

8. Drop (dropped by spoon=chocolate chip, oat meal)
9. Bar
10. Rolled or pressed (rolled out with rolling pin and cut with cookie cutter or cookie press used. May be decorated or iced.)
11. Molded (molded by hand into balls or shaped = snicker doodles, peanut butter, etc.)
12. Brownies
13. Mix-Plus
14. Other

### **C - Bread Category**

#### Classes :

15. Yeast (ex: loaves or rolls)
16. Sweet Yeast (ex: cinnamon rolls)
17. Quick (ex: apricot or banana)
18. Muffins
19. Biscuits
20. Mix-Plus (ex: mixes, ready to cook)
21. Other

### **D - Candy Category**

#### Classes :

22. Fudge
23. Other Chocolate
24. Divinity
25. Brittles (may be without nuts)
26. Pralines
27. Coated Nuts
28. Other

### **E - Pie Category**

Must have a homemade pie crust with recipe included; remember, if meringues or whipped cream toppings they cannot be sold to the public.

#### Classes :

29. Fruit
30. Nut (example: pecan)
31. Cobblers
32. Mix Plus
33. Other

### **F - Preservation Category**

Preservation **will be tasted** and for all canned items you need to **bring two**. One for the judges to taste and second to sell if you should choose to sell the items following the judging to the public; judged container will not be returned. All preservation entries must be hot water bathed or pressure canned to seal canning jars except for jerky, granola, non perishable.

#### Classes :

34. Jerky (No wild game animal/bird may be sold or go through Premium Sale; i.e. venison)
35. Canned Fruits
36. Canned Vegetables
37. Canned Salsa
38. Canned Jellies & Jams
39. Canned Pickles or Relishes
40. Other (granola, etc.)

## Craft Department

Craft entries must have a card attached with a brief description of how it's made and time spent on the project or it will not be awarded a placement. (EXAMPLE: Bought wooden mailbox, attached dried flowers and ribbons. Original drawn stencilled bird design. It took 3 hours.) Do NOT include your name.

### G - Craft Category

#### Classes :

41. Stencilling
42. Woodwork
43. Recycled Items
44. Toy Creations (Models, Stuffed Toys)
45. Jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bows)
46. Holiday (ex.: Christmas, Easter, etc.)
47. Decorated Basket
48. Metal Work
49. Wall Hanging (not floral)
50. Mosaic Tile
51. Birdhouses
52. Clay, dough art, plaster etc.
53. Models
54. Other

### H - Floral Category

#### Classes :

55. Live floral arrangements
56. Artificial floral arrangements
57. Floral wall hangings (wreaths, swags)
58. Other

### I - Scrapping Category

#### Classes :

59. Computer-generated projects
60. Handmade books
61. Handmade cards
62. Other (paper quilling, paper quilts or paper etching etc.)

## Sewing and Textiles Department

**Sewing and Textile entries must have a card with a brief description of how it's made, how long it took to make, and difficulty level or it will not be awarded a placement. (EXAMPLE: kit or pattern, how many hours to make, difficult or easy, etc.,) Do NOT include your name.**

### J - Sewing Category

#### Classes :

63. Shirts
64. Dresses
65. Pants (shorts, rompers, skirts)
66. Clothing Accessories (belts, collars, etc.)
67. Coordinated Pieces (2 or more pieces)
68. Embellished (sewn, painted, iron on, appliqué, beaded, etc.)
69. Costumes
70. Pet Costumes (Some part of costume must be constructed. Photo of animal in costume may accompany entry)
71. Puppets
72. Doll Clothes (clothes only - not displayed on a doll or stuffed animal, may include photo)
73. Quilts and Quilted Items
74. Other

### K - Textile Category

#### Classes :

75. Embroidery & Crewel
76. Needlepoint
77. Knitted & Crochet
78. Counted Cross Stitch
79. Pillows
80. Placemats, napkins, potholders
81. Decorated towels
82. Embellished pillows (ex: decorated store bought pillow)
83. Recycled
84. Other (including no sew quilts, etc.)

### Photography And Art Department

All photography may be any sized print up to 8x10. NO FRAMES or GLASS-entries must be matted or mounted (glued) on foam board or mat board.

#### L - Black & White Category

##### Classes :

85. People
86. Animals & Insects
87. Landscapes & Scenic
88. Floral & Plants
89. Humor
90. Still Life
91. Promote 4-H, FFA & FCCLA (must show organization name or logo)
92. Creative effects (camera experiments, lens control, lens attachments, screen masks and starburst)
93. Photo Story - any exhibit of 2 or more photos

#### M - Sepia Category

##### Classes :

94. People
95. Animals & Insects
96. Landscapes & Scenic
97. Floral & Plants
98. Humor
99. Still Life
100. Promote 4-H, FFA & FCCLA (must show organization name or logo)
101. Creative effects (camera experiments, lens control, lens attachments, screen masks and starburst)
102. Photo Story - any exhibit of 2 or more photos

#### N - Color Print Category

##### Classes :

103. People
104. Animals
105. Landscapes & Scenic
106. Floral & Plants
107. Humor
108. Still Life
109. Promote 4-H, FFA & FCCLA (must show organization name or logo)
110. Creative effects (camera experiments, lens control, lens attachments, screen masks and starbursts)
111. Photo Story - any exhibit of 2 or more photos

#### O - Art Category

Entries may be any size but consider that space is limited. Entries may be framed but no glass. (Exception : Stained Glass) All entries must have a stable surface (EXAMPLE: canvas, matted, etc.,). Do not sign entry or it cannot be placed.

##### Classes :

112. Oil & Acrylic Paintings

113. Drawings (pencil/crayon, pen or ink)
114. Computer Art (ex: Paintbrush)
115. Water Color
116. Design (landscape, structural)
117. Garment Design (must be drawn or painted no precut scrap booking/decal items used)
118. Charcoal or Pastels (includes oil and chalk pastels)
119. Other (paint by number, relief/scratch art, creative stamping, etc.)

A complete buyers listing will be available shortly after the Livestock Show. The buyers and other donors for the Hamilton County Youth Fair are the reason that the show has been so successful in past years and it is important that all exhibitors express their appreciation to these individuals and businesses. The Livestock Show Board of Directors encourages exhibitors, parents, and advisors to let these donors know how important they are to the Show. It is also important that exhibitors follow through with their written thank you notes in a timely manner following the Show.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hamilton County Livestock Association in an effort to encourage higher education of our youth will present scholarships to graduating students each spring. The dollar amount and number of scholarships given will be determined by the scholarship committee. Applicants must have participated in at least three county shows during their high school years including their senior year. Applicants must also compete and file a scholarship application by the announced deadline and attend an institution of higher learning following graduation. Criteria will be available through FFA / FCCLA or 4-H Advisors.

## **General Rules and Regulations for Hamilton County Youth Fair January 5 – 8, 2011**

### **A. GENERAL RULES**

1. **Eligibility** – All participants must be a member of a Hamilton County 4-H Club or the Hamilton, Hico or Evant FFA, JR FFA, FCCLA Chapters. Members must have reached 8 years of age and have entered the third grade and have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1, 2011. A student that is considered academically ineligible by their school district at show time **SHALL NOT SHOW NOR SHALL HIS/HER ENTRY BE SHOWN**. Home schooled youth must show proof at show date of passing grades. Proof of compliance with this requirement may be required.

2. **Residency** - Participants must

\* attend public or private school in Hamilton County or

\* live in a Hamilton, Hico or Evant ISD. (A child's residence of divorced parents is determined by the county of residence of the custodial parent.)

\* Home schooled participants will be counted as part of the district in which they reside; however, if the last public school in which a member of the family was enrolled was Hamilton, Hico, or Evant ISD and they are members of Hamilton County 4-H Club, then they shall meet the residency requirement. Participants transferring into a qualifying district after validation or entry deadline dates but before show must be in good standing with their former club or chapter and meet all other requirements of this show.

Proof of compliance with the residency requirement may be required.

3. **Age Groups** - Age groups for Home Economics division and showmanship for Livestock division are as follows:

**Pee Wee / Clover Kids:** K(5 yr.) – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (as of August 31, 2011)

**Junior Division:** 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 13 years old (as of August 31, 2011).

**Senior Division:** ages 14-18 years old (as of August 31, 2011).

4. **Exhibitor Responsibility** - All exhibited animals must be under the care of the exhibitor. Items in the home economics area **MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY EXHIBITOR**. Any entry found to be in violation of this rule will be disqualified at the sole discretion of the judges.

5. **Entry Deadline** – **December 1, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. to the Hamilton County Extension Office.** All participants must complete and turn in the entry form attached as Exhibit A to FCCLA, FFA teachers or County Agents prior to the deadline. Any entry, Livestock or Home Economics Division, that does not include the required information will be considered incomplete and not a valid entry. All entry forms must be submitted with the necessary entry fee.

6. **Entry Form** Each entry form will contain the following statement to be signed by the Exhibitor:

**I have read the rules of the Hamilton County Youth Fair and agree to abide by the rules as stated. I represent that I am in compliance with all rules including eligibility. I release the Show, directors, officers, volunteers, superintendents and judges from any loss, damage, or injury to my person, animals, or property. I understand that in the case of scholastic ineligibility, I will not be able to show nor will my animal/project be shown.**

7. **Liability** All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the Hamilton County Livestock Association but the Association and its member and volunteers will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any damage or loss suffered by him/her or any one else as a result of his/her actions.

8. **Dress Code**-All exhibitors will be required to follow this dress code when entering the show ring and premium sale ring. Exhibitors are encouraged to dress appropriately at all times. Each superintendent will be responsible for enforcing the code. The dress code includes:

A. Shirts will have sleeves and collars and be tucked in-no midriff shirts.

B. Spaghetti straps are not allowed unless another shirt is worn underneath or over.

- C. Extreme holes or slashes in jeans/pants are not allowed.
- D. Baggy jeans/pants are not allowed.
- E. Jeans/pants worn above the hip bone.
- F. Jeans/pants will be hemmed at the bottom.
- G. No caps. Cowboy hats are allowed.
- H. Open-toe shoes are not allowed.
- I. Visible tattoos are not allowed.
- J. Male exhibitors must be clean shaven.
- K. Males may not wear any ornamental jewelry on their ears. By the same token, both genders are not allowed to wear any visible piercing ornaments on the nose, eyebrow, or tongue.
- L. Hair must meet school dress code.

9. **Premium Sale** –

- a. Eligible Sale Entries -- The following entries are eligible for the premium sale:

Top 75% of each class of market lambs, market goats and market hogs

Top 75% of each class of poultry and rabbits

Grand and Reserve Champions in the Home Economics Division

Qualifying sale order steers – After judging of classes, steer exhibitors must bring back one steer per exhibitor for placement in the sale order. No more than 75% of the total number of steers in the Show will be in the premium sale. There will be no bumping.

(For these purposes, numbers will be rounded up to the next whole number when the decimal is 50% or better.)

b. Exhibitors – Each exhibitor may sell only one entry in the premium sale. Exhibitors wishing to sell an entry in the premium sale or to sell an animal on the floor price must let the Show Secretary know no later than 10:00 am on the final day of the show. If judging is not completed at this time, the Show Superintendent may extend the time. Late premium sale entries will be charged a late fee of \$50.00. Exhibitors must appear in the sale ring at their scheduled time on sale night unless an approved substitute is present pursuant to Livestock Rule 6.

c. Commission – A 7% commission fee will be charged on all items sold through the Premium Sale and the floor bid process. This commission is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

d. Thank You – All premium sale exhibitors must send approved thank you cards to all buyers of their entries and award sponsors. The Thank You cards must be turned in to the exhibitor's supervising agent or teacher with proper postage and address. Supervisors will mail all thank you cards. Award and sale proceeds will be distributed to the supervisors or teachers. **IF THE THANK YOU CARD IS NOT TURNED INTO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE PREMIUM SALE, THE FUNDS WILL BE FORFEITED AND DEPOSITED INTO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

e. Home Economic Sales – Exhibitors selling a food item must furnish a freshly made item for the sale for delivery to the buyers. Non-food items should be cleaned and presented in an attractive manner.

10. **PROTESTS.** The judge's and superintendent's decisions are final. Any formal protest must be made in writing. The written protest must cite the rule in question. **The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$150 cash, which will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.** Protests must be filed as soon as possible. Judging will not be interrupted for protest investigation. **All protests must be tendered to the Show Superintendent. Any protest must include a written explanation of all efforts to resolve the protest with the division superintendent. The Show Superintendent, with the assistance of the division superintendents, will determine all protests. The Show Superintendent's decisions will be final.**

11. **Alcohol Ban** – No alcohol shall be consumed at the show site during the show. At the discretion of the Show Superintendent, any person present that appears to be intoxicated will be asked to leave the premises.

- 12. Superintendents' Authority** – All exhibits, project and animals will be under the control and guidance of the respective superintendents who have the right to reclassify any entry if they feel it

is in the best interest of the entry. It is the superintendents' decision to excuse any animal from the ring for an unruly animal and to enforce the dress code. It is the superintendents' decision to reject any home economics entry that does not qualify for the show. Superintendents for each show will be elected at the April meeting preceding the show. All superintendents must be in good standing with the Association by April 1st. They will not be in good standing if they owe any money to the Association or the Show or any buyer pools. If they are not in good standing, they can and will be replaced at the next meeting.

**13. Rule Amendments.** These rules will be reviewed annually during April and May following the show. Only amendments passed by July 1 of any year shall apply to the next show.

**B. LIVESTOCK RULES**

**1. County Validation.** All market animals, including market steers and market heifers, market swine, market sheep and market goats, must be brought in to the location selected by the Superintendents and properly validated on the validation schedule for the species as follows:

Beef steers and market beef heifers .....	June 30
Breeding Beef Heifers, dairy cattle, sheep (Market and Breeding) and Goats (Market, Angora and Dairy).....	October 31
Swine (market and breeding) .....	November 30
Broilers and Turkeys .....	December 1
Rabbits (Breeding and meat pens) .....	December 15

All entries must be owned, on feed, in the possession of, and in the care of the exhibitor by these dates.

Animals may be validated in family names rather than individual exhibitor names on validation day. Final interpretation and decision will be at the Show Superintendent’s discretion.

All broilers and turkeys will be ordered from the same source at the same time through the vocational teachers or County Extension Agent.

Any swine barrows that might want to participate in the prospect show must be validated and have a state validation tag.

**2. Entry Fees** - All entry fees will be \$20.00 except breeding rabbits which will be \$4.00 each. No entry fee will be refunded.

**3. Entry Forms** – All exhibitors will complete the entry form attached hereto as Exhibit A. At entry date, each child within the family must present completed entry forms with the name of the individual, club, and animal information included. Market Swine and Market Sheep will be classified at weigh in.

**4. Late Fees** - Late entries will be accepted until animal weigh-in and classification on the Thursday of the show. An additional \$50.00 late fee will be assessed for each entry tendered after the December 1, 2011, deadline.

If animals are reclassified or substituted within a family pursuant to these rules, corrections will be made at weigh-in.

**5. Class breakdown.** In all market departments, exhibitors may enter a maximum of four animals in each department with no more than two animals in any one class. There will be no limit on breeding classes, except no more than two entries per person per class. All entries in the breeding show must be female with the exception of rabbits and turkeys. Market ewes and market gilts not meeting weight requirements may automatically be entered in breeding divisions if exhibitor desires with no extra entry fee required. Exhibitors with more than one entry in a class must have the other entry shown by another eligible exhibitor. Exhibitors with only one entry in a class must show that entry themselves unless they are ill and cannot be present to show. In classes where there is no competition for champion, the banner may be awarded if the animal is worthy in the sole discretion of the judge. All judge’s decisions are final.

6. **Check In/Out-** Entries must arrive and be in place by designated time on show schedule. Animals will be weighed in at the direction of the Show Superintendent.

Substitutions may be made within the family at weigh in, but no child will be allowed to show more animals than he or she entered. Ownership must be designated before the animal leaves the scales, after which, no changes may be made. Exhibitors or a representative of the family should be present at weigh in to designate ownership.

Weigh in cards must be filled out properly before the animals get to the scale and accompany the animal to the scale for weigh- in and classification. Each animal will have its own card. **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE SCALE YOU MUST HAVE A CARD THAT STATES:** the tag number of the animal/full name of the participant/owner that is going to show the animal/the association or club they belong to(FFA/4-H/FCCLA etc)/pen number this animal is housed in(tag # on the pen). After weigh in, the weight and classification will be written down by the superintendent or designated worker. All animals found to be sick, diseased, or below show quality may be removed from the show grounds at the direction of the sifting committee. All livestock superintendents will serve as the sifting committee. The committee will have the discretion to remove any objectionable exhibit.

Animals will not be released from the show grounds until the show is over on Saturday or at the direction of the General Superintendent. (Exception Blactating dairy cows and lactating dairy goats only may arrive before show time on Saturday). Rabbits and poultry will be released at the direction of the Rabbit and Poultry Superintendent. Due to limited pen space, breeding goats and breeding sheep must arrive on Thursday afternoon by 6:00 pm and must go home after the show Thursday night. The Overall Grand Champion Market Animal and Reserve Grand Champion Market animal of each species will be asked to remain and be present, along with their exhibitor, for the premium sale Saturday evening.

7. **Substitutions** – The participant who claimed ownership of the animal at weigh in/classification/check in must show the animal in the ring and be present for the premium sale unless:

- \* The participant has two animals in the same class. Another exhibitor can show the second animals. The owner will show one of the animals and must try to enter the show ring before his/her substitute.
- \* Another UIL school sponsored event is taking place at the same time and the exhibitor must be present. Another exhibitor can show the animals.
- \* The exhibitor is sick. Another exhibitor can show the animals.
- \* There is a close death/major illness in the family.
- \* At least 10 days in advance of the show, participant has received the Show Superintendent's permission for another exhibitor to show the animal. This decision is at the Show Superintendent's discretion and will not generally be granted.

Substitution will not be allowed because the animal is unruly or the exhibitor is scared. This is no excuse.

8. **Showmanship**-A showmanship award will be presented to the Junior and Senior Exhibitor chosen as demonstrating the best showmanship in each division. Divisions include market sheep, swine, beef, rabbit, dairy goat, dairy cattle, poultry and market goat.

9. **Pee/ Wee Clover Kid Show-** A Pee Wee Showmanship division will be conducted in the sheep and swine divisions. Awards will be given to winners in this division. Exhibitors can only show in one category. All exhibitors' parents must sign a release of liability. If an exhibitor is younger than 5 years of age, a parent or guardian over the age of 18 must accompany them in the ring during the show.

**10. Bedding** – All exhibitors must provide their own bedding. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to clean out the pen after the animal has left the show. The Exhibitor is required to take the used materials to the designated area. A penalty will be assessed if the pen is not cleaned. The Show Superintendent has the authority to deduct the penalty which can not exceed \$100 from any award or premium sale check.

**11. Award** – The Prize money for the breeding show will be jackpotted from the entry fee minus \$10.00. In any class with 5 or less entries, prize money will be adjusted at the Show Secretary’s discretion. At least 10 pens or exhibits must be entered in a market class before a buckle will be awarded. (Previous years’ entries will determine if a buckle is ordered.)

**12. Special Awards** –

a. Herdsman – This award is presented to a Senior and a Junior exhibitor in the Show for overall outstanding characteristics that make this individual unique and leaves a lasting impact on all participants. The recipients are chosen by the 4H counselors and FFA advisors at the discretion.

b. Jeff Fox Memorial Award – Market steer exhibitor selected on best overall job of showmanship and presentation of the steer.

c. Jason Harris Memorial Award – Beef heifer exhibitors only selected on overall presentation of the animal and knowledge of the beef heifer project.

d. Cattleman’s Award in Honor of Gayland Stephens – The recipient of this award must exhibit the finest overall qualities including

- outstanding in his/her fitting, herdsmanship, showmanship, sportsmanship, knowledge of the animal and knowledge of their division.

- very well mannered in interactions with the judge(s) and show personnel with high standards at all times.

- exemplify qualities of a good cattleman through great care for their animal, personally grooming and caring for the animal, and in depth knowledge of the breed and its uses.

- perform at an outstanding level in all areas and demonstrate a good spirit with all others.

The recipient will be chosen by the judge with input from the show superintendants and the Stephens’ family members (when available).

e. Melissa Green Memorial Award – This award is to an exhibitor demonstrating hard work and effort without regard to the placing of the animals. The FFA advisors, 4H leaders and County Agents may nominate exhibitors of market lambs for this award based on their efforts, knowledge of their lamb, and personal involvement in its care. The award is a savings bond presented by Sue Green.

f. Jennifer Hall Memorial Award – In honor of Jennifer’s love for the Show and the fitting and showing of her lambs, Sandy and Roseanne Hall present this award to the exhibitor with the best fitted lamb in the market show.

**13. Unethically Fitted Livestock.** The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural confirmation of any part of the animal.

## **14. Show Classes**

### **Beef Department**

#### **Category : Market Cattle**

##### **Class #50**

1. All market beef animals will be shown by weight with as equal classes as possible.
2. Properly validated beef heifers will be allowed to show in market beef cattle classes.
3. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. to be eligible for the show.
4. The beef heifer and steer show would be considered “Blow & Go”, meaning no glues, adhesives or paint would be allowed in fitting the animals.

## Category : Beef Heifers

### Class #51

1. Heifers may be either registered or commercial and not more than three years old as of September 1st prior to the show; will be able to show with or without calf at side.
2. Heifers will be shown by breed groups. A champion and reserve heifer in each breed division with an overall champion and overall reserve champion.
  - A. English Breeds (Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, etc.)
  - B. American Breeds (Brahman, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, etc.)
  - C. Exotics (Limousin, Maine, Anjou, Chianina, Simmental, Charolais, etc.)*If numbers warrant, they will be broken into classes by date of birth.*
3. The beef heifer and steer show would be considered “Blow & Go”, meaning no glues, adhesives or paint would be allowed in fitting the animals.

## Category : Commercial Steers

### Class #52

1. Objective – To highlight the commercial cattle industry and provide 4-H and FFA members a learning experience emphasizing selection, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking and technical knowledge.
2. Entry – each junior exhibitor may enter one pen of two (2) steers. One steer may constitute a pen, however, it will result in an immediate deduction of 20 points. Replacement steers will NOT be accepted.
3. Ownership – Steers of any beef breed are eligible to be entered in this show. Exhibitors in this division must have owned their steers on or before September 15, the year preceding the show. And the steers must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of acquisition throughout the Commercial Steer Show.
4. Weighing – Weights will be calculated as follows
  - Initial Weight – Steers must be individually weighed between September 6-15, 2011 on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master. This weight will be the “initial weight” for the feeding record. The official scale ticket should include: weight date, individual animal weight, animal identification (i.e. ear tag, brand), breeder of the animal, buyer of the animal, signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the record book upon arrival of the Hamilton County Youth Fair.

Record Weight – Steers must be officially weighed, individually, on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master between December 26, 2011 – January 8, 2012. This weight will be the “record weight” for the feeding records. The official scale ticket should include: weigh date, individual animal weight, animal identification (i.e. ear tag, brand), and signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the Record Book upon arrival of the Hamilton County Youth Fair.

Check In / Sale Weight – Each steer must weigh-in between 1,000 and 1,350 lbs. Failure to comply will result in point deductions (see point breakdown). There will be NO reweighs.

Day 1 = Initial Weigh Date

Ending Day = Record Weigh Date

5. Record Books – Exhibitors must maintain an official San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Commercial Steer Record Book including feeding, animal health, income and expense record regarding their commercial Steer project. An Official Commercial Steer Record Book may be obtained at [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com). The Official S.A.L.E. Commercial Steer Record Book must be completed and

submitted upon arrival at the show. All receipts and related records must be attached. Record books must be complete, neat and accurate. Exhibitors must submit their Record Book for judging in person. All calculations are to be rounded to the hundredth decimal from the beginning of the project.

6. Live Visual Evaluation – Junior Commercial Steers visually evaluated based on the USDA quality and yield grades for slaughter steers. Steers must be presented for live visual evaluation.

7. Quality and Yield Point Schedule – The following point schedule will apply to the Live Visual Evaluation

Quality & Yield Point Schedule			
Quality Grade	Points	Yield Grade	Points
Prime	10	Yield Grade #1	10
Choice-Average/High	8	Yield Grade #2	6
Choice-Low	6	Yield Grade #3	3
Select	4	Yield Grade #4	0
Standard	0	Yield Grade #5	0

8. Public Speaking/ Questions – Each exhibitor must recite a memorized speech lasting a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes regarding their project, what they learned and how it relates to the industry. There will be a point deduction of ¼ point per fifteen (15) seconds the exhibitor is shorter or longer than the allotted speech limit. Each exhibitor will be required to answer verbal question regarding their commercial steer project following delivery of their speech.

9. Beef Science Test – Exhibitors will be administered a written, Beef Science Test. Only exhibitors may enter the test area. Study Guide links will be available online at the Official San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo internet site [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com). The Beef Science Test will be composed of questions derived from this Study Guide and other sources.

10. Horns – Steers must have horns tipped with no more than three inches of horn growth beyond the base of the head.

<u>Exhibitors Scorecard</u>			
Animal Visual Evaluation		Possible Points (If all complete)	Total Points
Yield Grade (Steer A)	10		
Yield Grade (Steer B)	10		
Quality Grade (Steer A)	10		
Quality Grade (Steer B)	10	40	
Exhibitor			
Beef Science Test	35		
Public Speaking/Question	35	70	
Record Book			
Record Book	8		
Cost of gain (Pen of 2 head)	4		
Average Daily Gain (Pen of 2)	4		
Feed conversion (Pen of 2)	4	20	
		Totals (maximum)	130

#### Discounts

Pen of 1 Head	-20
Missed General / Ultrasound Orientation	-10
Missed Live Evaluation Orientation	-10
Weight	

Below Weight Target: (2 point deduction per 25 lbs.)

975-999 -2

950-974 -4

925-949 -6

900-924 -8

899 and less – 2 point deduction per 25 lbs.

Above Weight Target: (1 point deduction per 25 lbs.)

1351-1375 -1

1366-1400 -2

1401 and more – 1 point deduction per 25 lbs.

Beef Division (by Class)

Beef Heifer

Beef Market Cattle/Steers

Commercial Steer Show

Dairy Cattle Department

Registered and grade cattle will show together. Age will be determined as June 1 & Dec. 1 breaks.

**Category : Dairy**

**Classes :**

1. Dairy Heifers (0-6 mos.)
2. Dairy Heifers (7-12 mos.)
3. Dairy Heifers (13-18 mos.)
4. Over 18 mos. prior to calving Cows in Milk

Poultry Department

Exhibitors must be present at time of judging. Exhibitors may show up to 4 entries in the broilers division and 4 entries in the turkey division. Poultry will be sifted and then judged. Sifted birds will not be eligible for the premium sale. No weight limit on turkeys.

**Category : Poultry**

**Classes :**

5. Broiler s (pen of three)
6. Turkey Toms
7. Turkey Hens

Rabbits Department

Breeding classes will include classes for bucks and does. Exhibitors may also enter four pens of fryers. Pens will consist of 3 rabbits all the same breed & variety. Weight 3 lb. each - max 5 lbs. each. Exhibitors must be present at judging. Classes for breeding rabbits will be broken into age and breed (Fancy or Commercial) if numbers warrant. Showmanship will be by scorecard. There will be a Junior and a Senior age group.

### **Category : Rabbit**

#### **Classes :**

8. Breeding Doe (6 mos. and younger)
9. Breeding Does (6 mos. and older)
10. Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and younger)
11. Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and older)
12. Fryer Rabbits (pen of 3)

### **Goat Department**

#### **Category : Breeding Boer Goats**

Commercial and registered will show together. There will be classes for does only. Split the breeding goat baby tooth goes into 2 classes by weight if numbers warrant.

#### **Classes :**

13. Doe kids
14. Mature Does (2 tooth and over)

#### **Category : Dairy Goats**

Classes for females only. Registration papers are not required. All dairy goats will be dehorned. Winter clip only.

#### **Classes :**

15. Does (0-6 months)
16. Does (7 months - 1 year)
17. Does (1 year to freshening)
18. All Milking Does

#### **Category : Market Goats**

Market goats must be weighed in and checked by superintendent at show time. All market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. to be shown. No maximum weight. Goats will be divided by weight with no more than 15 head per class. Both wethers and does can be shown. All market goats must be dehorned or tipped. All market goats must have a hair length of 3/8 inches or less. An award will be given to the champion and reserve champion in each weight division.

#### **Classes :**

19. Light
20. Medium
21. Heavy

### **Sheep Department**

#### **Category : Breeding Sheep**

#### **Classes :**

22. Breeding Fine Wool Ewe Lambs
23. Breeding Fine Wool Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)
24. Breeding All other Breeds Ewe Lambs (milk teeth)
25. Breeding All other Breeds Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)
26. Breeding Suffolk Ewe Lambs (all milk teeth)

27. Breeding Suffolk Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)
28. Breeding Hampshire Ewe Lambs (all milk teeth)
29. Breeding Hampshire Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)

**Category : Market Sheep** : Lambs must be slick shorn from the knee up, with no more than 1/4 inch of wool at show time. Minimum weight is 90 pounds on all breeds except Southdown and Hair Sheep. Southdown and Hair Sheep minimum is 70 pounds. No maximum. Lambs will be divided by weight with no more than 15 lambs per class. Lambs will be classified into the following classes listed below. An award will be given to the champion and the reserve champion in each breed.

**Classes :**

30. Market Lambs-Fine Wool
31. Market Lambs-Fine Wool - Medium Wool Cross
32. Market Lambs-Southdown
33. Market Lambs-Dorper/Dorper Cross (Hair sheep must be 50% hair breed)
34. Market Lambs-Medium Wool

**Swine Department**

**Category : Breeding Swine** : All animals will be shown by weight with as equal classes as possible. No Minimum and no maximum weight limit. Females only. There will be no boar classes. Breeding gilts must be born between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year before the show. Animals must be validated. An award will be given to the champion and the reserve champion in each breed.

**Classes :**

35. Breeding Gilts-Light Weight
36. Breeding Gilts-Medium Weight
37. Breeding Gilts-Heavy Weight

**Category : Prospect Swine** : Weight range up to 204 pounds. Only barrows with a state validation tag will be eligible for these classes. Five Breed Divisions which include: Hampshire, Duroc, Yorks, OPB, Crosses. At the discretion of the swine superintendent, classes may further be broken by weight. Barrows must be owned by the date of and validated at the state swine validation time. 75% of the entries will be eligible for the premium sale. An award will be given to the champion and the reserve champion in each breed. The entry fee would be the same as the market swine entry fee. Swine entered in this class would not be eligible to be floored. Any entries into the prospect class will count towards the limit of four entries into the market swine show.

**Classes :**

38. Prospect Swine-Duroc
39. Prospect Swine-Hampshire
40. Prospect Swine-Crossbred
41. Prospect Swine-Other Pure Breeds
42. Prospect Swine-Yorkshire

**Category : Market Swine :** All swine will be shown by breeds (Durocs, Hampshires, Yorkshires, Crosses, and Other Pure Breeds) with no more than 15 head per class. Minimum weight is 205 pounds; maximum weight is 275 pounds – NO TOLERANCE. An award will be given to the champion and the reserve champion in each breed.

**Classes :**

43. Market Swine-Duroc
44. Market Swine-Hampshire
45. Market Swine-Crossbred
46. Market Swine-Other Pure Breeds
47. Market Swine-Yorkshire

**HAMILTON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION  
2012 January  
Entry Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club/Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age as of Aug 31, 2011:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Dept.	Category	Class	Sex	Tag #/Id	Entry Fee

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All Cattle, Swine, Lamb, Goat, Poultry @ \$20  
Rabbit @\$3**

**I have read the rules of the Hamilton County Youth Fair and agree to abide by the rules. I represent that I am in compliance with all rules including eligibility. I release the Show, directors, officers, volunteers, superintendents, and judges from any loss, damage, or injury to my person, animals, or property. I understand that in the case of scholastic ineligibility, I will not be able to show nor will my animal/project be shown.**

**Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor/Manager's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Entry form must be turned in with money by December 1, 2011.)**

**HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR  
2012 January  
HOME EC ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of Aug 31, 2011: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Dept.	Category	Class	Item Description	Entry Fee \$4
EXAMPLE	Handi-Craft	J Floral	78 Live	Bucket w/live plant	\$4

Leave Number blank it will be filled in by entry office                      Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email copy to (crdmc25@yahoo.com, Hamilton-TX@tamu.edu  
by Dec.1 - hard copy & money must be in to be officially entered