

# Hamilton County

## Jr. Livestock Show



January 1-6, 2024

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

1:00-Set Up (see check list of tasks to be completed)  
2:00-Ag Mech Projects Move in

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00-10:00 Check In for Art / Craft/ Photo/  
Sewing

Not open to public at any time.

11:30 - Orientation for Clothing and Textile Judges  
12:00 - 1:00 - Judging for Clothing / Textile  
1:30 - 2:00 - Orientation for Craft Judges  
2:00 - 5:00 - Judging for Craft's  
5:00 - 5:15 - Orientation for Art Judges  
5:15 - 6:00 - Judging for Art  
6:00 - 6:15 - Orientation for Photo Judges  
6:15 - 7:30? - Judging for Photo

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:00 - 10:00 am - check in for Foods ONLY  
Not Open to Public

10:00 - 10:30 - Orientation for food judges  
10:30 - noon or? Judging for Foods

Tuesday following all judging (evening) - ONLY Overall superintendent and judges in building) **Not Open to Public. Selection of Best of Show Overall Junior and Senior. Orientation followed by judging.**

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

10:00-12:00 All items not for sale pick up  
1:00-Home Ec. Items open to public for sale  
5:00-Ag Mech Judging Begins  
5:00: Home Ec. awards-main ring  
4:00-Check In Poultry and Rabbit  
5:30-Rabbit Show  
Rolling Start into Poultry Show  
Animals can arrive at any time . . .

Thursday, January 4, 2024

All Animals in Place by 12:00  
7:00-9:00-Animal Check in:

- Dairy Goats / Nigerian Goats
- Breeding Sheep / Market Sheep
- Breeding Goats / Market Goats

10:00-Home Economics Items for Sale  
9:00-12:00-Swine Check In & Classifying  
12:00-1:00-Cattle Check In

- Steers will be classified at check in & weigh in.

Show Start Times-ALL Rolling Starts

1:30-Dairy Cattle Show

- Breeding Sheep / Market Sheep
- Sheep Showmanship
- Pee Wee Sheep Show
- Breeding Goats / Market Goats
- Goat Showmanship
- Nigerian Dwarfs / Dairy Goats

Sheep & Goats can leave barn at end of Pee Wee show

Friday, January 5, 2024

11:30- Ag Mech awards-main ring  
9:00-11:00 Must pick up of all Home Ec. Entries

7:30-Show begins-All Rolling Starts

- Breeding Swine /Breeding Swine Showmanship
- Market Swine / Swine Showmanship
- Supreme Swine
- Pee Wee Swine
- Other Beef Heifers – Longhorn Heifers
- Beef Heifers /Heifer Showmanship
- Steer Show / Steer Showmanship
- Steer Sale Order

No load out until the conclusion of the cattle show. All animals out 10:00 am Saturday.

Saturday, January 6, 2024

9:00-Set up Premium Sale  
10:00 Animals must be out of barn  
11:30-Meal – Concession Open  
1:00-Premium Sale

Sunday, January 7, 2024

1:00 pm clean up Sunday (check list of what to do will be provided)

**Hamilton County Junior Livestock Association Officials**

**Board**

<b>Rotate Off</b>	<b>Hico</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Evant</b>
<b>2026</b>	<b>Curtis Langley</b>	<b>Cody Lynch</b>	<b>Beth Gandy</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>Dixie Watson</b>	<b>Rena Sliger/ Greg Eilers</b>	
<b>2024</b>	<b>Jared Davis</b>	<b>Faith Massingill</b>	<b>Elisha Weeks</b>

**Officers:**

**President –Rena Sliger/ VP – Kenny Dolson / Secretary – Faith Massingill  
Treasurer – Marissa Traylor / Show Secretary – Keslie Koether**

**Superintendents**

**Overall Supt – Greg Eilers  
Assist. Overall – Cody Lynch**

**Cattle – Scott Massingill  
Sheep & Goat – Cody Lynch  
Poultry – Jodi Strickland  
Rabbit – Elisha Weeks  
Swine – Jared Davis  
Ag Mech – Rena Sliger  
Overall Home Economics – Andrea Watson  
Food - Paula Christian  
Craft – Kyme Jeske  
Art – Beth Gandy  
Sewing – Faith Massingill  
Photo – Jennifer Long  
Technology – Misty Slone**

**Awards – Rena Sliger and committee**

**Advisors:**

**Evant FFA – Austin Griffin  
Hamilton County Extension Agent – Bruce Boyd / Christie Keay  
Hamilton FFA- Terry Baize / Jeffery Jones / Toby Long  
Hamilton FCCLA – Missy Marwitz  
Hico FFA – Eric Kale / Josh Sanders**

## **Overall General Rules**

### **Eligibility:**

- **Member of Hamilton County 4-H / Evant, Hico, Hamilton FFA or FCCLA.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **Must be academically eligible by school or cannot show/exhibit.**
- **Home school must show proof of passing grades.**

### **Residency:**

- **Must attend public or private school in Hamilton County.**
- **Residence is determined by custodial parent of divorced exhibitor.**
- **Residence of home school determined by ISD they reside.**
- **Participants transferring after validation or entry deadline but before show must be in good standing of former club/chapter. Also meet all other requirements of this show. Proof of compliance with residency may be required.**

### **Age:**

- **Pee Wee / Clover Kid: 4 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**
- **Junior: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**
- **Senior: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

### **Exhibitor:**

- **All exhibited animals must be under care of exhibitor.**
- **All HE entries must be completed by exhibitors.**
- **Any entry found in violation may be disqualified.**

### **Deadline:**

- **December 1, 2023 by 5:00 pm to your advisor.**
- **Incomplete entries will not be valid.**
- **All fees due to advisor at the time of entry.**
- **Complete appropriate form and signed.**

### **Liability:**

- **Association, its members and volunteers will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.**
- **Each exhibitor solely responsible for any damage or loss suffered as a results of his/her actions.**
- **All exhibitors under direction of their respective advisor during show.**

### **Dress Code:**

- **Required to follow dress code if entering show ring, premium sale or backdrop.**

- Dress appropriately at all times.
- Superintendent/ advisors responsible for enforcing the code.
- Shirts have sleeves and collars, tucked in (NO midriff shirts)
- Spaghetti straps are not allowed unless under another shirt.
- Extreme holes or slashes in jeans /pants are not allowed.
- Baggy jeans/ pants are not allowed.
- Jeans/pants will be hemmed at bottom.
- No caps. Cowboy hats are allowed.
- Open-toe shoes are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos area not allowed.
- Male exhibitors must be clean shaven.
- Males may not wear any ornamental jewelry on ears.
- Both genders are not allowed to wear any visible piercing ornaments.
- Hair must meet school dress code.

**Conduct:**

- Any exhibitor, parent or other individuals who shows disrespect or interferes with any show official or judge will be:
  - *Asked to leave fairgrounds by official or advisors.*
  - *Person will not be allowed to return to grounds until formal written apology is made by the person(s) that the incident was directed against.*
  - *Should the person be an exhibitor, prizes and monies won will be forfeited should they refuse to apologize.*
  - *IF a second incident from the person(s) occur at any point following first incident, they will be barred from show and barred the following year.*
  - *IF a third incident occur from person(s) following 2<sup>nd</sup> incident, person(s) will be permanently barred from show.*
  - *Appeal to the board can be made at the first HCJLA meeting following the show where the incident occurred. The board will hear both show superintendent or official and the complainant. Then they will rule on incident. Board ruling final with no further appeal.*
  - *Should board rule in favor of complainant, any suspensions from the show will be revoked.*
  - *Should the person(s) involved be an exhibitor and their appeal is upheld by board, all prizes, monies that were earned will be restored if possible.*

**Contact with Judge:**

- Exhibitors, parents or their agents are strictly prohibited to make improper contact with any judge of HCJLA until judging complete.
- Should contact occur, their entries will be disqualified.
- Second incident may permanently bar exhibitor from show.
- Appeals can be made to HCJLA if suspended. Board ruling final. (4)

**Bullying**

- Anyone who engages in “bullying” either in writing, verbally or body language will be subject to same penalties outlined under conduct.

**Premium Sale:**

- Must have 3 head per department for entries to be eligible for sale.
- Top 75% each class market lambs, goats, hogs and breeding classes eligible.
- 75% of each class poultry and rabbits eligible.
- Grand and Reserve Champions in Home Economics are eligible.
- Steers, after judging exhibitors will bring back steers to show for sale. No more than 75% of the total number of steers will make sale.
- For these purposes, numbers will be rounded up to the next whole number when the decimal is 50% or better.
- Each exhibitor may sell only one entry in the premium sale.
- If we have floor price, exhibitor must let show secretary know at the close of their species show / division if they plan to floor animal.
- Cattle must inform show secretary no later than 30 minutes following steer sale order to indicate what they plan on selling (superintendent may extend the time).
- Late sale entries will be charged a late fee of \$50.
- Exhibitors must appear in sale ring at their scheduled time on sale day unless approved excuse is provided.
- All sale exhibitors must report to show grounds for set up or cleanup for the show. Failure to do so will result in \$100 deduction from sale check.
- Commission – A 5% commission fee will be automatically charged on all items sold through premium sale. It will be deducted from the check before it is issued.
- Thank You’s – All premium sale exhibitors must send approved thank you cards to all buyers of the entries and award sponsors. Cards must be turned into respective advisor(s) with proper postage and address. If thank you card is not turned in within 60 days from premium sale, the funds will be forfeited.
- Home Economics sales of food, must furnish freshly made baked item for the sale. Nonfood items should be clean and presented in an attractive manner.

**Protests: Judges and superintendent decision is final. Any formal protest must be made in writing. Protest must cite rule in question. It must be**

accompanied by \$150 cash, which will be refunded only if protest is upheld. Protests must be made within 30 minutes following that species Champion selection. Judging will not be interrupted for protest investigation. All protests must be tendered to the show Overall or species superintendent.

**Alcohol Ban:** NO ALCOHOL shall be consumed at the show site during the show. At the discretion of the Board or Show Superintendent, any person present that appears to be intoxicated will be asked to leave the premises.

#### Superintendents Selection Process

- Nomination committee composed of 4-H and FFA advisors will meet to nominate and rank up to 5 individuals for each role. This includes overall superintendent. (committee will be public but only advisors can vote)
- Nominees delivered to Overall Superintendent to contact in the ranked order until one agrees to serve.
- A list of confirmed superintendents will then be submitted for the board's vote of approval.
- In event superintendent steps down, resigns or no one on the list agrees to serve, the nomination process will be repeated.
- Superintendent will agree to serve for a two year term.
- Superintendents will be selected/elected at the meeting following rules are voted on for coming year.

#### Judges Selection

- Nomination committee composed of 4-H and FFA advisors will meet to nominate and rank up to 5 individuals for each division. (committee will be public but only advisors can vote)
- Nominees delivered to each respective superintendent to contact in rank order until one agrees to serve. A list of confirmed judges will be submitted for board's vote of approval. In event a judge cannot fulfill commitment, or no one on list agrees to serve, nomination process will be repeated.
- Judges will agree to serve for a term of two years, but not limited to two years.
- All superintendents must be in good standing with HCJLA by fall meeting prior to the show. They will not be in good standing if they owe money to the association or show or any buyers pool. They can be replaced if not in good standing at the next meeting.



**Superintendents Authority:**

All exhibits, projects and animals will be under 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 or project from the ring for any unruly behavior or unfit for the show and enforce the dress code.

**Validation**

All market animals, including market steers, market swine, market sheep and market goats must be brought in to the location selected by the validation chair for species by these dates:

Validation Date	Species	State Validation guidelines	County Date
June 30	Steers	Tag, nose print	June 30
October 31	Heifers / Dairy	Registration papers in exhibitor name / hair	Nov. 1
October 31	Sheep / Goat		Oct. 31 (TBA)
November 30	Swine		Nov. 30 (TBA)
December 1	Poultry	Broilers / Turkey – one purchase from same location	
December 15	Rabbit	Breeding & Market pens	Dec. 15 (TBA)
	Turkeys/ Broilers	All same source - see advisor	Ordered same time

*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 Superintendents discretion.*

**Entry Fees / Forms / Late Entry:**

All Livestock and Ag Mech entries will be \$20. Home Economics \$5.00. No entry fee will be refunded. All exhibitors will complete the paper entry form attached to rule book and advisors will enter data online. Forms should be submitted by Dec. 1, 2023. Following online entry advisors will share copy or entry forms with show secretary. Late entry will be accepted until animal weigh-in and classification complete. Additional \$50 late fee per entry assessed if past deadline. If animal or HE is reclassified or substituted within a family pursuant to these rules, corrections must be made at weigh-in or check-in.

**Pen and Tie Out assignment will be set by the number of entries per chapter / club. Rotation of chapters / clubs has been established and will be followed yearly. Advisors will have allotted number of pens.**

**Class Breakdown – no more than two entries per person per class in livestock. All entries in breeding must be female. Exhibitor with more than one in a class must have another eligible exhibitor show the second entry. Exhibitors must show their own entry unless they are ill and cannot be present. If only one entry in class or division, no competition for champion. The banner buckle etc. may be awarded if the animal is worthy. Judge's decision is final.**

**Check-in – Refer to the schedule on when entries should arrive and be checked in. Animals will be weighed at the direction of the show superintendents. 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 animal leaves the scales, after which, NO changes may be made. Exhibitors or a representative of the family will be present at weigh in to designate ownership and verify chapter/ club. Weigh cards will be held and filled out by the appropriate show designee. All animals found sick, diseased or below show quality may be removed from the show grounds at the direction of the show superintendents committee. They have discretion to remove any objectionable exhibit.**

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

- Exhibitor has two in same class
- Another UIL school sponsored event is taking place at the same time
- Exhibitor is sick.
- Death or major illness in family.
- At least 10 days in advance of show (other than sick), participant must receive show superintendent's permission for another exhibitor to show the animal. This decision is at show superintendent discretion and will NOT be generally granted.
- Substitution will not be allowed because the animal is unruly, or the exhibitor is scared. This is no excuse.

**Release – See schedule for release times but animals will not be released from grounds until the show is over for the species. Exception is if Overall General Superintendent gives permission or other direction. Lactating dairy cows, goats may arrive before show time listed on schedule. Rabbits and poultry will be release at the direction of those superintendents. Overall Grand Champion Animals and Reserve Grand animals of each species may be asked to remain or have animal present for the premium sale Saturday.**

**Showmanship – This award will be presented to the junior and senior exhibitor demonstrating the best showmanship for each division. Divisions include sheep, goat, market swine, breeding swine, steer, heifer, rabbit and poultry. Each species will show separately.**

**Pee Wee – A showmanship division will be conducted in sheep and swine for clover kids or pee wee. Awards will be given. Exhibitors can show in only one (sheep or swine). All exhibitors' parents must sign a release of liability. If exhibitor is younger than 5, guardian or someone over 18 must accompany them in ring.**

**Bedding – Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to "clean" out the pen or stall area after the animal(s) have left the show. These materials cleaned out from the area will be taken to designated area. Not left in a trash bag by pen or stall etc. A penalty will be assessed if the pen is not cleaned. Show superintendent has authority to deduct the penalty which cannot exceed \$100 from any award or premium sale check. If exhibitor is not in the sale, the chapter could be charged for the stall or pen not being cleaned.**

**Awards – Every species will be eligible for buckle, banner or the designated awards given during the show for that year. Special awards are given in multiple species and often are at the direction of the judge, superintendent or family giving the award. Listing in general information.**

**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.**

## **Cattle Group-100**

*Cattle Superintendent: Scott Massingill*

### **Steer Department**

- All market steers will be classified into 3 divisions/breeds, shown by weight with as equal classes as possible.
- Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. to be eligible for the show.
- The heifer and steer show would be considered "Blow & Go", meaning no glues, adhesives or paint allowed in fitting the animals. No fitting!
  - Class 1 - American
  - Class 2 - British
  - Class 3 - Exotic
  - (each may have sub-class light/medium/heavy)

### **Heifer Department**

- Heifers must be registered with a registration certificate issued by the breed association OR have a breeder affidavit signed for the date of birth and be tagged at validation on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the show and not more than three years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the show; will be able to show with or without calf at side.
- Heifers will be shown by breed groups. A champion and reserve heifer in each breed with an overall champion and overall reserve champion.
  - Class 4 - American
  - Class 5 - British
  - Class 6 - Exotic
  - If numbers warrant, they will be broken into sub-classes by date of birth.

### **Longhorn Heifer Department**

- Heifers must be registered with a registration certificate issued by the breed association OR have a breeder affidavit signed for the date of birth and be tagged at validation on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the show and not more than three years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the show; will be able to show with or without calf at side.
- Class 7 Longhorns (may be broken into sub-classes by date of birth)

### **Commercial Steers Department**

- Commercial Steer exhibitors have the option to follow the official rules either the Houston Livestock Show or the San Antonio Livestock Show.
- The number of steers the exhibitor feeds, will be based on the rulebook that the exhibitor decides to follow. The superintendent of the Hamilton County Youth Fair will follow the guidelines written by both

## CATTLE

- major shows which include an official record book from the show selected by the exhibitor as well as an interview or speech and a test.
- Each pen of commercial steers will be considered one unit and will be included in the market steer lots eligible for the sale. They will be placed in the sale after the last market steer. Must have minimum number of entries to be in premium sale.
  - **Class 8 – Commercial Steer**

### **Dairy Cattle Department**

- Registered and grade cattle will show together. Age will determine as June 1 and December 1 breaks.
  - **Class 9 - Dairy Heifers**
  - **Class 10 - Cows in Milk**
  - **Sub classes may be needed pending birth dates**

## Goat Group-200

***Goat Superintendent: Cody Lynch***

### **Breeding Boer Goat Department**

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

- **Class 11 Doe Kids**
- **Class 12 Mature Does (*2 tooth and over*)**

### **Dairy Goat Department**

Does only, registration papers are not required. All dairy goats will be dehorned. Show will be winter clip only.

- **Class 13 Does (0-6 months)**
- **Class 14 Does (7 months - 1 year)**
- **Class 15 Does (1 year to under 24 months and have NEVER freshened)**
- **Class 16 All Milking Does (Ever freshened – regardless of age)**

### **Nigerian Drawf Goat Department**

- **Class 17 Does (0-6 months)**
- **Class 18 Does (7 months - 1 year)**
- **Class 19 Does (1 year to freshening)**
- **Class 20 All Milking Does (*Ever freshened – regardless of age*)**

### **Market Goat Department**

- **Market goats must be weighed and checked in by superintendent at show time. All market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. No maximum weight. Goats will be divided by weight with no more than 15 head per class.**
- **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.**
- **Class 21 Light**
- **Class 22 Medium**
- **Class 23 Heavy**

## **Sheep Group-300**

**Sheep Superintendent: Cody Lynch**

### **Breeding Sheep Department**

- **Class 24 Breeding Fine Wool Ewe Lambs**
- **Class 25 Breeding Fine Wool Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)**
- **Class 26 Breeding Southdown Ewe Lambs (milk teeth)**
- **Class 27 Breeding Southdown Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)**
- **Class 28 Breeding Medium Wool Ewe Lambs (all milk teeth)**
- **Class 29 Breeding Medium Wool Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)**
- **Class 30 Breeding Cross Ewe Lambs**
- **Class 31 Breeding Cross Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)**
- **Class 32 Breeding Hair Sheep Ewe Lambs (all milk teeth)**
- **Class 33 Breeding Hair Sheep Mature Ewes (two mature teeth or over)**

### **Market Sheep Department**

- **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.**
- **Class 34 Market Lambs-Fine Wool**
- **Class 35 Market Lambs-Fine Wool - Medium Wool Cross**
- **Class 36 Market Lambs-Southdown**
- **Class 37 Market Lambs-Dorper/ Dorper Cross (Hair sheep must be 50% hair breed)**
- **Class 38 Market Lambs - Medium Wool**

**Swine Group – 400****Swine Superintendent – Jared Davis****Breeding Department**

All animals will be shown by breed, age or weight. Only registered gilts and state tagged crossbred gilts are eligible. Crossbred gilts must weigh less than 300 pounds. 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 and will be broke into classes based on age with exception of crossbred gilts based on weight. All animals must be state validated.

**Class**

- 39 Breeding Gilts – Duroc
- 40 Breeding Gilts – Hampshire
- 41 Breeding Gilts – Yorkshire
- 42 Breeding Gilts – OPB Dark
- 43 Breeding Gilts – OPB White
- 44 Breeding Gilts – Crossbred

Breeding gilts will have papers and be broken into classes by age. Superintendent will determine size of class, but not to exceed 15.

Crossbred gilts will be shown by weight!

No minimum number for class.

Showmanship for breeding will be separate from market.

**Market Barrow Department**

All swine will be shown by breeds (listed above) with no more than 15 head per class. Maximum weight is 300 pounds. **NO exception!** All animals must be state validated.

**Showmanship** – If exhibitor wins a division you cannot participate in second division.

**Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Award for Swine Department.**

**Class**

- 45 Market Barrow – Duroc
- 46 Market Barrow – Hampshire
- 47 Market Barrow – Yorkshire
- 48 Market Barrow – OPB Dark
- 49 Market Barrow – OPB White
- 50 Market Barrow – Crossbred

Classes will be determined by superintendent broken into light, medium and heavy. If numbers do not merit three weight breaks, that will be left to superintendent pending entries.

Showmanship for market will be separate from breeding.



## **Poultry Group-500**

**Poultry Superintendent: Jodi Strickland**

### **Poultry Group**

- Exhibitors must be present at time of judging. Exhibitors may show up to 4 entries in the broiler's 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.

### **Broiler Department**

- Class 51 Cockerels (Pen of three)
- Class 52 Pullets (Pen of three)

### **Turkeys Department**

- Class 53 Turkey Toms
- Class 54 Turkey Hens

## **Rabbit Group-600**

**Rabbit Superintendent: Elisha Weeks**

### **Rabbit Group**

- 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.

### **Breeding Rabbit Department**

- Class 55 A Meat Type Breeding Does (6 mos. and younger)
- Class 55 B Other Breeds Breeding Does (6 mos. and younger)
- Class 56 A Meat Type Breeding Does (6 mos. and older)
- Class 56 B Other Breeds Breeding Does (6 mos. and older)
- Class 57 A Meat Type Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and younger)
- Class 57B Other Breeds Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and younger)
- Class 58 A Meat Type Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and older)
- Class 58B Other Breeds Breeding Bucks (6 mos. and older)

### **Market Rabbit Department**

- Class 59 Fryer Rabbits (pen of 3)

## **Agricultural Mechanics Division**

**Department Superintendent: Rena Sliger**

- **All projects must have been made in the 2022 calendar year. Individual projects should be solely owned and all major construction steps completed by the individual. This does not prohibit assistance in holding for nailing or other minor help.**
- **Entry form must state: What entry is and the class it is entered in. If a project is entered in the wrong class the projects will be classified by the Ag Mechanic Superintendent.**
- **Shop project entries cannot be entered in the Home Ec. Division /Creative Arts.**
- **Shop projects may be individual or team projects.**

**Groups: Trailer / AG Machinery & Equipment, Livestock & Wildlife/ Home Conveniences/ Tractor**

### **Trailer Department**

- **Class 60 Bumper Pull**
- **Class 61 Gooseneck Trailers**

### **AG Machinery & Equipment, Livestock & Wildlife Department:**

- **Class 62 Hay / Spray/ Mounted or Pulled Type Equipment / Shop Equip / Pickup Equip**
- **Class 63 Gates / Panels / Cattle Guard / Squeeze or Trim chutes/ Blocking Tables/ Feeders**

### **Home Convivence Department:**

- **Class 64 Indoor furniture/ outdoor metal or wood furniture**
- **Class 65 Cooking – Bumper pull BBQ pit, fire pits, grill**

### **Tractor Department**

- **Class 66 1960 & Earlier**
- **Class 67 1961 to present**

**Each Department Grand and Reserve will make the sale. Overall Grand and Reserve will make the sale.**

**Next page example score sheet:**

**JUDGES EVALUATION SUMMARY (Critique)**  
**NCR Yellow Copy to Student**

<b>Recorder:</b>		<b>Ribbon Color:</b>	
<b>Class #</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Entry #</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>E= Excellent G=Good NI=Needs Improvement Critique Comments</b>		
<b>Workmanship</b> <i>Diagonals &amp; Try Square</i> <b>Weld Quality</b> cold welds, over welding, lack of penetration, wagon tracks, under cutting, overlap, distortion control, poor bead profile <i>(Part of fabrication)</i> Sharp edges, poor fit up, rough torch cuts, poor pin hole or fit <i>Excessive weld grinding</i> , or lack of grinding - sharp corners, others <b>Paint Prep &amp; Finish</b> - slag and buckshot removed, Bondo?	30	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>True &amp; Square</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Weld Quality</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Metal Cutting &amp; Drilling</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grinding</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Paint Prep &amp; Finish (Powder Coating is acceptable but not rewarded)</b>	
<b>Design</b> <b>Dimensions consistent with drawing,</b> <b>Over or under sized materials,</b> <b>Proper fasteners, ASABE</b> <b>Knowledge of why materials were used,</b> <b>Practicality and functionality.</b>	20	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dimensions</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Materials</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fasteners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practicability</b>	
<b>Documentation</b> <i>Draw</i> To scale, dimensioned, complete enough to build from <b>BOM</b> incl OC & PE Photos, shows work in progress, labeled, 24 max <i>ASABE</i> standards, DOT info, PI and SDS sheets, and trailer components specifications.	20	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drawing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BOM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photographs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Research</b>	
<b>Knowledge/ Presentation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Knowledge</b> of manufacturing <b>process</b> and <b>materials.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Speaking ability</b>	20	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Technical Knowledge (Why Questions &amp; Knowledge of Project)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Presentation &amp; Entry Card (Project properly entered)</b>	
<b>Difficulty</b> • <i>Size, scope, complexity</i> , use of several skills and processes, • <i>Intricate and more difficult to build.</i>	5	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Size, Scope</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sophistication</b>	
<b>Safety</b> <i>Safe work environment</i> in Photos <i>Project displayed safely.</i> Sharp points & edges protected- Sturdy stands.	5	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Depicted in Pictures</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safe Display of Project</b>	

- **Ribbons will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and an overall Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded from the champions of each department.**
- **The Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Project of the show will be allowed to sale in the premium sale and the participant can keep their project. In case of a Team Entry- The Grand and Reserve for each department as eligible for the premium sale.**
- **Each team member can only sell one project in the premium sale. For Example: A 3 person Team makes the premium sale with their ag mechanics project, and one of the members decides to sell their steer project instead, the sale money would be split between the remaining two team members. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell these projects during the show using a silent auction format; Items for sale must clearly state the minimum price and contact information. If you do not wish to sell item, please place a "not for sale" tag.**

**Please use the form at the end of the rule book – one form for Ag Mech & Livestock entries. Home Economics is on separate form. Example below:**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Class #</b>	<b>Category Breed</b>	<b>Tag/ Reg # Class Name</b>	<b>DOB / Description</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
<b>Ag Mech</b>	<b>Household</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Metal</b>	<b>Metal</b>	<b>Pancake grill</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Ag Mech</b>	<b>Farm</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Wood</b>	<b>Wood</b>	<b>Feeder</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$40</b>

### Home Economics Division

All show rules will be followed as well as the following rules. Home Economics exhibitors may enter **one entry per class in each department no exceptions**. It is the participant's responsibility to read the rules and go by their specifications. Group/Department and Class must be on entry form. Any missing information will result in item not being placed. Utilize form provided in rule book. Other forms not accepted.

Superintendents reserve the right to accept or reject an entry due to a violation of the rules and regulations or change department or class where deemed appropriate. If entry is moved at the Superintendent's discretion, no charge applied but there is \$50 charge for entries moved otherwise.

Any item found offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate will be disqualified and not put on exhibit. Please refer to the schedule for when all entries and prize money must be picked up. If it is not picked up, the prize money will be forfeited. All entries need to be made from end of show 2023 until the show for 2024.

**All Home Economics entries sold in premium sale become the property of the buyer at the auction!**

#### Food Group

- All entries made from scratch except mix plus.
- Recipe attached on top of product at check-in. **DO NOT** put name on card. Should include ingredients/measurements and directions on how to make item.
- **Containers:** disposable containers please. Plastic domes, zip lock/ plastic bag, oven roaster, foil covered cardboard, saran wrap (key disposable/clear). Items need to be seen by public. NOT acceptable: Rubbermaid, container you cannot see through, glass (exception preservation), nothing breakable. **No other containers** – such as a basket. Creativity on decorations and make the food look attractive for sale if you plan on selling the item. Containers will be available.
- **Twelve** cookies, muffins, candy etc. or one recipe constitutes entry. One container. Space is limited, thank you for your help in this matter.
- All food is tasted.
- In the food group, exhibitors are **limited to 10 entries**.
- A fresh baked item, with recipe included will be provided for premium sale.
- **IF you enter food product with cream cheese filling, cream cheese frosting, custards, whipped cream topping, meringues, fresh fruit or vegetable (including garnishing), it can compete but will NOT be allowed to sell to the public for any reason. Pending superintendent ruling** some fresh fruit or vegetables might be allowed depending the process used.

**Cake Department**

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

**Cookie Department**

- Class:** 9. Drop (dropped by spoon – chocolate chip / oatmeal)  
10. Rolled or pressed or molded  
11. Brownies and Bar  
12. Mix Plus  
13. Sugar Free  
14. Other

**Bread Department**

- Class:** 15. Yeast (loaves or rolls)  
16. Sweet Yeast (ex: cinnamon rolls)  
17. Quick (ex: apricot/ banana)  
18. Muffins  
19. Biscuits  
20. Mix Plus  
21. Other

**Candy Department**

- Class:** 22. Fudge  
23. Other Chocolate

- 24. Divinity
- 25. Brittle/ Toffee (may be without nuts)
- 26. Pralines
- 27. Other

**Pie Department (Must have homemade pie crust with recipes included)**

**Class:** 28. Fruit

- 29. Nut
- 30. Cobblers
- 31. Custard
- 32. Meringue
- 33. Other

**Preservation Department (will be tasted – you need TWO one mini for judging & one to sell)**

The judged container will not be returned. All preservation must be hot water bathed or pressure canned to seal canning jars (exception jerky, granola etc.). Must be canned in good jars, **other commercial or mayonnaise jars NOT acceptable.** Rings should be intact, and all seals should be airtight. Lids should be

**Class:** 34. Jerky (no wild game allowed – venison)

- 35. Canned Fruit
- 36. Canned Vegetables
- 37. Canned Salsa
- 38. Canned Jellies & Jams
- 39. Canned Pickled (cucumbers) Pickles / Eggs / Relishes
- 40. Canned Sauces
- 41. Nuts (coated, candied etc.)
- 42. Other (granola, dehydrated fruit / vegetable etc.)

**Craft Group**

- All entries must have a card attached with description (brief) of how item was made, time it took, if it was from a kit or from scratch etc.).
- No names, initials, monograms, branding or identifying photos are allowed to appear on any entry with exception of scrapping.
- **Recommended that all entries be covered for protection with “clear” plastic.**

**Hobbies Department**

**Class:** 43. Stenciling

44. Recycled

45. Toy Creations

46. Jewelry (ex: necklaces, earrings, bows)

47. Clay, Dough Art, Plaster etc.

48. Models

49. Recycled (wood & metal)

50. Holiday

55. Wall Hanging

56. Mosaic

57. Wreaths (all wreath entries)

58. Woodwork

59. Metal Work

60. Other

**Floral Department**

**Class:** 61. Fresh Cut Floral Arrangements (in water)

62. Live Floral Arrangements (in dirt – planted)

63. Artificial Floral Arrangements

**Scrapping Department**

**Class:** 64. Computer Generated projects (mechanically generated – circuit etc.)

65. Handmade scrap books



66. Handmade cards

67. Other (paper quilling, paper quilts, paper etching etc.)

**Art Group – (No identification is recommended. We will cover name/initials or other identifying info on art work).** Please cover name or initial if on the art and put a clear cover over the art work. Art can be framed but HCJLA not responsible for broken or busted frames, glass etc.

### **Painting Department**

**Class:** 68. Oil

69. Acrylic

70. Watercolor

71. Other

### **Drawing Department**

**Class:** 72. Pen and Pencil

73. Charcoal / Pastels

74. Relief / Scratch Art

75. Other (woodburning not kit generated)

### **Sewing and Textile Group**

- Must have card with description (brief)
- Include how it is made, how long, difficulty, kit or precut?
- Names, initials, monograms, branding are allowed but will be covered for judging purposes.
- All entries should be covered with clear plastic or something to protect entry.
- Please no saran wrap must get inside to examine.

### **Sewing Department**

**Class:** 76. Apparel separates (shirt, pants, shorts, romper, sundress etc.)

77. Coordinated Pieces (2 or more pieces)

78. Sewn Accessories

79. Costumes (pet or human)

80. Doll Clothes (clothes only, not on doll etc.)

81. Sewn Embellished

82. Pillow (completely sewn projects, not purchased pillow insert)
83. Placemats, Napkins, potholders
84. Recycled / Other
85. Embroidery & Crewel
86. Needlepoint
87. Knitted & Crocheted
88. Decorated Towels / Embellished Pillow
89. Recycled / Other
90. Machine and Hand Quilts
91. Tacked Quilts
92. Other (rag, no sew, etc.)

#### **Photography Group Painting Department**

- Photo's may be any size up to 8X10.
- No Frames or matting
- Photo's in clear sleeve ONLY.
- Any class may be entered once (black and white or color)
- **Same photo cannot be entered in more than one class.**
- Recommend you include card with process of capturing photo / camera, settings etc.
- Place description on the back of photo.

#### **Color Department**

**Class:** 93. People

94. Animals & Insects
95. Landscapes & Scenic
96. Floral & Plants
97. Still Life
98. Promote 4-H / FFA/ FCCLA (must show organization logo / name)
99. Creative effects
100. Night Photo
101. Other

**Black & White Department**

**Class:** 102. People

103. Animals & Insects

104. Landscapes & Scenic

105. Floral & Plants

106. Still Life

107. Promote 4-H / FFA/ FCCLA (must show organization logo / name)

108. Creative effects

109. Night Photo

110. Other

## General Information

**Hamilton County Junior Livestock Association (HCJLA) is a non-profit organization that is run by volunteers. They provide oversight for the Hamilton County Youth Fair. If you are currently not a member, we welcome you at any meeting. The board is elected once a year to represent each community in Hamilton County. The advisors recommend members for the board and other leadership roles.**

### **Special Awards:**

**Herdsman – Determined at discretion of advisors for overall outstanding characteristics that make student unique and leaves lasting impact on all. Evant FFA (1) / Hamilton FFA (2) / Hamilton 4-H (1) / Hico FFA (2)**

**Jeff Fox Memorial Award – Market steer exhibitor on best overall presentation and showmanship. Selected by family.**

**Jayson Harris Memorial Award – Beef heifer exhibitor best overall presentation and knowledge of heifer project. Selected by judge.**

**Jennifer Hall Memorial Award – In honor of Jennifer's love for the show and fitting her lambs. Sandy & Roseanne Hall select and present.**

**Don Palgens Memorial Award – In honor of Don's love for showing swine. Selected for overall presentation & knowledge of their swine project.**

**Acy Watson's Cattle Herdsman Award – In honor of Acy Watson longtime supporter of HCJLA, his love of Ag and cattle. Award selected by Beef Supt. & cattle judge. Award given by friends of the Watson Family.**

**John Hall Award – Given for student demonstrating loving heart and care for others. John loved helping others & enjoyed HCJLA, selected by overall superintendent from recommendations for other officials during the show.**

# Scholarship

The Hamilton County Livestock Association in effort to encourage higher education of our youth will present scholarships to graduating exhibitors each year. The dollar amount, as well as number 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. Graduating senior must attend a state accredited institution of higher learning. Each applicant must demonstrate: leadership, community involvement, scholarship and need. Please relate specific values you have received from show experience and discuss the varied ways the project experience may have benefited others through your essay. Recommend listing all school/ community activities.

A committee made up of at least (3) three people approved by the HCJLA Board will be appointed to review and rank scholarships. The committee will use the attached rubric to access each application. Applications must complete and postmarked by October 1, 2023. Application should be mailed to P.O. Box 804, Hamilton Texas 76531. Scholarships MUST BE mailed and postmarked Oct. 1, 2023.

Scholarships will be given at the 2024 County Show Premium Sale. Please include only the following in the order below in your scholarship application:

1. Cover page to include- Name, address, high school, phone number & parent/guardian name. Attach a photo of yourself. At bottom, please sign and date your application.
2. Typed resume including:
  - a. HCYF participation (Include years)
  - b. School and Community Involvement
  - c. Leadership
3. Essay "My Show Experience" (Include values learned or gained through project experiences at HCJLA and ways project has benefitted others. What the project has meant to you and your family over the years.)
4. Need (Essay or letter to indicate your financial need for this scholarship)
5. College or University show letter of acceptance or intent.
6. Grades (HS transcript)
7. No more than 3 letters of recommendation from person other than relatives. (Strongly recommend that one letter be from HCJLA Board member).
8. An interview may be set up by committee if needed.

SCHOLARSHIP OUTLINE

**Rubric Example:**

Applicant Name	Cover Page	Resume	Essay Need	Acceptance	Transcript	Recommendation Board +1	Scores/ Ranking	
Susie Q	Cover sheet: Name/1 Address/1 School/1 Phone #/1 Parent or guardian name / 1 Photo -1 Signature -1 Date - 1	HCJLA info - 1 School/Community - 1 Leadership - 1  The dollar value awarded can use this area to help evaluate	Essay - show experience - 5 Essay on financial need - 5  The dollar value awarded can use this area to help evaluate	Letter of acceptance or intent - 1	5 = GPA 4.0 or 100 grade Above that would go up and below go down according to score.	3 letter one point per letter. Extra 1 point if board member.		
	Max pts - 8	Max pts- 3	Max 5 for each essay	Max 1	5 Could go up if over 4.0	Points possible 3 and 1 + if board mbr.	31. 25 Example	1 <sup>st</sup>

## 2024 Hamilton County Youth Fair Entry Form

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_\_\_

Group	Department	Class #	Category Breed	Tag/ Reg # Class Name	DOB / Description	Entry Fee
Cattle	Steer/ Heifer	02	Angus	A1433678	1/14/18	\$20
Ag Mech	Farm	65A	Wood	Wood	Feeder	\$20
<b>Total</b>						

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, Superintendents, Judges and Volunteers 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 no will my animal/project be shown. Deadline December 1, 2023. Paper copy due to advisor & payment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

## 2024 Hamilton County Youth Fair Entry Form

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

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ :

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sr.**

Group	Department	Class #	Class Name	Description	Entry Fee
Craft	Hobbies	45	Stenciling	bird	\$5
Food	Cookie	8	Dropped	Choc. chip	\$5
<b>Total</b>					

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, Superintendents, Judges and Volunteers 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 no will my animal/project be shown. Deadline December 1, 2023. Paper copy due to advisor & payment.

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Participant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature



## Appendix A

### Qualifying Numbers to Sell In Class

The formula used is total entries in class multiplied by 75%, ex:  $12 \times .75 = 9$ , if the total is .5 or above (ex.  $9.75$  rounded to 10) then it is rounded up to the next whole number, if it is below .5 then it is rounded down to next number( ex.  $2.25$  is rounded to 2).

Number in Class:		Number to Sell:
1	$1 \times .75 = .75$	1
2	$2 \times .75 = 1.5$	2
3	$3 \times .75 = 2.25$	2
4	$4 \times .75 = 3$	3
5	$5 \times .75 = 3.75$	4
6	$6 \times .75 = 4.5$	5
7	$7 \times .75 = 5.25$	5
8	$8 \times .75 = 6$	6
9	$9 \times .75 = 6.75$	7
10	$10 \times .75 = 7.5$	8
11	$11 \times .75 = 8.25$	8
12	$12 \times .75 = 9$	9
13	$13 \times .75 = 9.75$	10
14	$14 \times .75 = 10.5$	11
15	$15 \times .75 = 11.25$	11
16	$16 \times .75 = 12$	12
17	$17 \times .75 = 12.75$	13

## Appendix B

## Thank You Notes & More

When receiving a gift or act of kindness from someone, you mail them a thank-you note. (FFA New Horizons pg. 27) tips and more on writing a great thank you note. Visit [FFAnewhorizons.org/thankyou](http://FFAnewhorizons.org/thankyou) to watch video by Wiley Bailey a former national officer.

Some of his quick tips include:

1. **Be prompt.**  
Within a month or less is ideal. Remember you are required to have it written and mailed within 60 days.
2. **Get Personal.**  
Handwrite the note if you can. Be sincere in expressing your gratitude. Many students will print a card with a photo of them and their animal or project on it. Some choose to put an ad in the paper.
3. **Be Specific.**  
Address it to the buyer's name or personal who gave you add-ons from the sale. Let them know what you plan on doing with the funds. Don't write something like this "thank you for the \$50 add on when you purchased my heifer." It is better to say something like "Thank you for your generosity, I plan on using these funds to purchase my project for next year."
4. **Write Clearly.**  
Can't read your hand writing - print and if it's that bad. . . type it!
5. **Close it well.**

This is all from the article in the FFA New Horizons written by Wiley Bailey. Please write your thank you as soon as possible. A list will be provided to your advisor shortly after the premium sale. Once you get your check . . . please cash it! Do not hold on to it, there is a deadline for you to cash it.



Blake Edwards has been an exhibitor, board member, superintendent, and a lifetime friend of HCJLA. Dedication and passion are two words that come to mind when you talk about Blake. He cares about kids and spends endless hours working with students and their projects. Our 2024 show is dedicated to Blake.

Blake has been instrumental in the swine industry across the state and nation. Blake and his brother have a successful company EFG Edwards Genetics focused on both swine and cattle. Blake is married to Gayle, and they have three children. Blake works at Zephyr ISD as the Ag Teacher but continues to help students beyond his classroom.

Blake has help Hamilton County, as well as the show stay progressive in addressing the swine industry. He continues to be a leader in the community not just with HCJLA but stays involved with ongoing activities.

He always has a smile and a story to tell if you have the time. Blake has been a 4-Her and FFA member in Hamilton County. He loves the community and the show. If he's not present, he's probably help set up and clean up from the show or event held at Fair Park. We say THANK YOU to Blake for all his work and dedication to HCJLA. We also say thank you to his family for sharing him with all of us.