



UPDATES & REMINDERS

I. Junior Show General Information

Junior Show Entry: Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online **and** credit card payment or check received on or before FRIDAY, December 1, 2023. Incomplete entries (entries either not submitted online or credit card payment or check not received by December 1, 2023) will be assessed an additional 10% fee.

i. Late Entries: For any Junior Show entries submitted online and credit card payment or check received from December 2-15, 2023, all standard entry fees will be doubled, if accepted.

ii. Past Due Entries: For any Junior Show entries with payment postmarked or received from December 16, 2023, until the end of check-in for the respective show or contest, a late entry fee of \$250 per entry will be assessed, if accepted.

Quality Counts: To be eligible to compete in the Junior Breeding, Junior Commercial and/or Junior Market Shows, exhibitors will need Quality Counts verification. The Quality Counts verification number must be recorded on the online entry when entering the project. Please refer to the website <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/> for information on how to become verified.

Breeding Show Ownership Deadlines:

Registration Certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals with the exception of Crossbred Gilts, Commercial Ewes and Commercial Does. Animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association in only the name of the Junior owner(s) on or before the required ownership date (see below). Registration Certificates must state the name of the Junior owner(s) only. Registration Certificates that list any additional names besides the name(s) the entry is validated under will be disqualified. Registration Certificates must be available upon request.

Purchase, delivery, possession, transfer, and registration must all take place on or before the required ownership date. Original Registration Certificates must be available during the show at all times.

Registered Sheep, Boer Breeding Goat: October 1, 2023 (Must be validated through Breeding Sheep or Breeding Goat Validation, respectively, on or before October 31, 2023) Note* Family validation is now allowed for breeding sheep and goats. Visit www.sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu for complete validation guidelines.

Commercial Ewes, Commercial Does: October 31, 2023 (Must be validated through Breeding Sheep or Breeding Goat Validation, respectively, on or before October 31, 2023)

Angora Breeding Goat, Dairy Heifers, Beef Breeding Heifers: November 1, 2023 (Beef Breeding Heifers must complete all phases of heifer validation through the Texas 4-H & FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program on or before November 1, 2023. **All Registration Papers must be uploaded by November 8, 2023.**)

Breeding Swine, Crossbred Gilts: December 1, 2023 (Must complete all phases of gilt validation through the Texas 4-H & FFA Breeding Gilt Validation Program on or before December 1, 2023)

All Registration Papers for Purebred Gilts must be uploaded by January 2, 2024.

II. Junior Show Schedule/Changes

Junior Purebred Gilts - Feb. 6-8

Judge – Brett Beyers; *Sibley, IL*

Associate Judge – Jason Corya; *Noblesville, IN*

- Feb. 7 Show Order - Duroc, Landrace, Hampshire, Berkshire

- Feb. 8 Show Order - Spot, Chester White, Poland China, Yorkshire, Hereford

- Exhibitors may enter up to two (2) breeding gilts. Purebred Gilts MUST be state validated.

- We will add Hereford gilts to our 2024 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilt Show. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter a maximum of three (3) head in the Junior Purebred Gilt Show, BUT AT LEAST ONE (1) AND NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MUST BE A HEREFORD GILT.

- All gilts must have been farrowed between **JUNE** 1 and September 15, 2023 inclusive.

- 200 lbs - 350 lbs with a 15 lb weigh back

Junior Crossbred Gilt Show & Sale - Feb. 6-8

Judge – Ben Bobell; *Lincoln, IL*

- Check-In - Feb. 6; Show - Feb. 7; Sale - Feb. 8

- 200 lbs - 350 lbs with a 15-lb weigh back

Junior Dairy Cattle - Feb. 7-9

Judge – Eddie Bue; *Kaukauna, WI*

Junior Registered Boer Goats - Feb. 9-10

Judge – Jess Yeaman; *Uvalde, TX*

Junior Commercial Doe - Feb. 9-10

Judge – Kash Allen; *Bunch, OK*

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Judge – Marvin Ensor; *San Angelo, TX*

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Judge – Charles Seidensticker; *Comfort, TX*

Junior Angora Breeding Goats - Feb. 9-11

Judge – Dr. Andy Laughlin; *Lubbock, TX*

- New for 2024 is the addition of Bucks (Kid, Yearling and Aged) to the Junior Angora Goat Show.

Junior Market Goats - Feb. 12-13; Auction - Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 10 am

Judge – Spencer Scotten; *Nevada, MO*

Junior Market Lambs - Feb. 12-14; Auction - Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 2 pm

Judge – Dr. Scott Schaake; *Westmoreland, KS*

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers - Wave 1 - Feb. 12-13; Wave 2 - Feb. 15-16

Wave 1 – ARRIVAL: All American breeds and ONLY Simmentals & ORBs ENTERED in the SIMBRAH/SIMMENTAL SUPERBOWL

Judges – (North Ring) Deb Core; *Peasantville, IA*

– (South Ring) Brady Ragland; *Amarillo, TX*

- Feb. 13 Show Order – North Ring – Simbrah, Red Brangus, Brangus, ARB

– South Ring – Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis

- ARB Recognized Breeds for 2024: **ARB (American Registered Breeds):** Open to heifers of *Bos Indicus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association on or before Nov. 1, 2023. The breeds recognized are Beefmaster Advancer, Braford, Brangus Premium Gold/Brangus Built, Brangus Optimizer, Brangus UltraBlack, Brangus UltraRed, Certified Beefmaster E6, Golden Certified F1, Percentage Simbrah, *Simbrah, Simbravieh and Star 5.

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All remaining cattle except Simmentals & ORBs must be out of barn by NOON on 2/14

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers—Continued

Wave 2 – ARRIVAL: British & Continental breeds

Judges – (North Ring) Mark Ebling; *Burnet, TX*

– (South Ring) Shane Werk; *Manhattan, KS*

- Feb. 16 Show Order – North Ring – Hereford, Simmental, Shorthorn, Polled Hereford, Maine-Anjou
– South Ring – Angus, Limousin, Charolais, Red Angus, Chianina, ORB

- ORB Recognized Breeds for 2024:

ORB (Other Registered Breeds): Open to heifers of *Bos taurus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association on or before Nov. 1, 2023. The breeds recognized are Braunvieh, Lim-Flex, MaineTainer, Percentage Charolais, Percentage Simmental, Red Angus Category 1B and Shorthorn Plus.

- All 4-H and FFA members are required to validate their heifer projects through the Texas 4-H & FFA Heifer Validation Program.

Junior Market Barrows - Wave 1 - Feb. 16-18 Wave 2 - Feb. 20-22;

- Auction - Friday, Feb. 23 @ 1 pm

Judges – Eric Polich; *Woodward, IA* (Spot, Poland China, Dark Crossbred, Landrace, Crossbred)

Brandon Ogle; *Nokomis, IL* (Berkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Chester White, Yorkshire)

• **Official turn-in weight range is: minimum 250 lbs. to MAXIMUM 300 lbs. inclusive**

- Wave 1 Show Order – Day 1: Berkshire, Spot, Poland, Hampshire; Day 2: Duroc, Dark Crossbred

- Wave 2 Show Order – Day 1: Chester, York, Landrace, Light Weight Cross; Day 2: Remaining Crosses

Junior Market Steers - Wave 1 - Feb. 19-20, Wave 2 - Feb. 21-23;

- Auction - Saturday, Feb. 24 @ 10 am

Judge – Joel Cowley; *Calgary, AB*

Assistant Judge – Shilo Schaake; *Garden City, KS*

- Tuesday, Feb. 20 Show Order: Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC

- Thursday, Feb. 22 Show Order: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross

- Friday, Feb. 23 Show Order: Black Cross, Other Cross

Junior Commercial Steers - Feb. 19-20

- Exhibitors must own their steers on or before **September 1, 2023**

Junior Market Poultry - Feb. 7; Auction - Friday, Feb. 23 @ 10 am

Junior Market Broiler Judge – Daniel DeLeon; *College Station, TX*

Junior Turkey Hen Judge – Keith Staggs; *College Station, TX*

Junior Turkey Tom Judge – Keith Scott; *Floresville, TX*

-Top 15 Toms will be sold in the Junior Livestock Auction.

PREMIUM PASS

Available in 2024 for the following species arrivals only:

Junior Purebred Gilt, Crossbred Gilt (40 Passes Available)

Junior Breeding Sheep & Goat (40 Passes Available)

Junior Market Lamb & Goat (80 Passes Available)

Junior Breeding Heifer Wave 1 and 2 (20 Passes Available per Wave)

Junior Market Barrow Wave 1 and 2 (40 Passes Available per Wave)

Junior Market Steer Wave 1 and 2 (20 Passes Available per Wave)

- Optional NON-TRANSFERABLE pass providing an expedited arrival service at SCP

- Available for purchase during time of entry. Must be purchased by CEA/AST.

- Premium Passes will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis via the online entry system. Must complete check-out for Premium Passes in order to guarantee their purchase.

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Significant Changes and Updates for 2024

- Premium List to be released October 1, 2023 – Please read and if you have any questions, contact us.
- **REMINDERS:**
 - **Bedding:** NO OUTSIDE BEDDING WILL BE ALLOWED.
 - NO cedar fiber allowed to be used in the Cattle Barn.
 - Shredded cardboard and cedar fiber will still be used for Angora goats.
 - If you want to stall together, you must arrive at Salado Creek Property together.
 - There will be no pre-stalling for market lambs and goats.
 - **Exhibitor Campgrounds:** Campground space will be extremely limited for most shows. Parents, CEAs, ASTs, adult leaders or their representatives are asked to assist in reducing the number of chairs from their respective county or chapter. No tables will be permitted to be set up in the Livestock Barns. Nothing will be allowed to be set up in designated Fire Lanes. Exhibitors must be aware of their surroundings and cognizant of others when making space for their campgrounds. Exhibitors abusing campground areas will be subject to disqualification.
 - SCHEDULE – There are a few changes. Check it out.
- **GILTS –**
 - All Purebred gilts must have been farrowed between June 1 (not July) and September 15, 2023 inclusive. In 2024, Purebred gilt classes will be broken and shown by weight. Range: 200 – 350 lbs with 15-lb weigh-back.
 - The Crossbred Gilts will follow this same weight range of 200 – 350 lbs with a 15-lb weigh back.
 - We will add Hereford gilts to our 2024 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilt Show. We would like to get an idea of how popular this breed may be in our show, but we do not want to prevent anyone from bringing two gilts of breeds currently eligible for scholarships. Therefore, we will allow exhibitors to enter a maximum of three (3) head in the Junior Purebred Gilt Show, **BUT AT LEAST ONE (1) AND NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MUST BE A HEREFORD GILT.** This will be enforced at Check-in. If anyone is found violating this rule, **ALL** entries will be disqualified. Hereford Gilts will not be eligible for a scholarship in 2024, but Premiums will be awarded.
 - Additionally, we will be working with the swine registries to DNA test, at minimum, Breed and Reserve Breed Champions in the Purebred Gilt Show.
- **ANGORA GOATS –**
 - Angora Goats will show on Sunday, February 11th @ 8 am
 - Bucks (Kid, Yearling, Aged) will be allowed to enter.
- **BREEDING HEIFERS –**
 - Split Hereford/Polled Hereford Heifers & Grey/Red Brahman Heifers – Scholarships offered to each breed.
 - Any Simbrah heifers designated “*Simbrah” will be required to be shown in the ARB classes.
- **MARKET TURKEY TOMS –** Top 15 Market Turkey Toms will be sold in the Junior Livestock Auction
- **MARKET STEERS –** Split Hereford/Polled Hereford Steers (3 classes each; Herefords 1st – 3rd & Polled Herefords 1st – 2nd make the Junior Livestock Auction)
- **COMMERCIAL STEERS –** Initial Weight: Aug. 26 – Sept. 1 & Final Weight: Jan. 26 – Feb. 1; Record Books must be mailed by UPS/FedEx and posted by February 3, 2024.
- **FOOD CHALLENGE –** Will move to a **TEAM COMPETITION** in **2025**.

- **HORSE SKILLATHON** – Will now be under Competitive Events and will be entered through our Online Entry System.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST** – Will move to all DIGITAL photo submissions. No mounted photos will be accepted.
- **PREMIUM PASSES**
 - 40 Premium Passes will be offered during the Breeding Sheep & Goat Arrival
 - 20 Premium Passes will be offered for Breeding Heifer Wave 1 and Wave 2 as well as Market Steer Wave 1 and Wave 2.
 - All Premium Passes **must** be purchased during the ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS. Closes December 15th, 2023.
- **ALL SHEEP & GOAT SHOWS (BREEDING/COMMERCIAL & MARKET)**
 - Free-standing head-stanchions and fitting mats of any kind will ONLY be allowed to be set up inside of the pens.
 - Pens will not be taken apart or altered in any way without Superintendent approval. Any approved alterations, must be back in original place before departure.
- **CATTLE STALLS** – Front and end panels may be covered, but there will be no panels or covering behind the cattle without Superintendent approval.
- **GOAT/SHEEP/SWING PENS** – Pens may be lined on 3 sides at panel height only. Nothing may cover the gate or over the pen.
- **SCRAPIE TAGS** – No scrapie tags will be allowed in any market lambs or goats. Only the Texas Validation and TLBA/TGBA tag will be allowed in the ear of Market Lambs & Goats. All other tags will be removed. If the Scrapie tag is removed, it will be linked to the Texas Validation tag number by agreement with Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Lamb & Goat Validation.
- **JUNIOR AG MECHANICS** – Welding Contest will be added in 2024. More details to come.
- **JUNIOR SHOOT-OUT** – Entry Fee increase – American Trap & American Trap Doubles \$125 each; Sporting Clays \$150
- **NEW ITEMS** – Cattle Barn will have all new bleachers in 2024.
- **ENTRY SYSTEM** – Please make sure **all information** is updated for your exhibitors prior to Sept 1, 2023 or those exhibitors will be removed from the entry system.