

2020 Beef Project

Austin County 4H Livestock Project Group



Ability

Is what your capable of doing.

Motivation

determines what you do.

Attitude

Determines how well you do it.

Lou Holtz

Austin County Fair Website/Events/Livestock Results

Rules can be found on the Austin County Fair website below:

93rd ACF LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (pdf)	↓ Download
2020 Livestock Judging Rules (pdf)	↓ Download
93RD ACF LIVESTOCK General Rules (pdf)	↓ Download
93rd ACF LIVESTOCK CATALOG (pdf)	↓ Download
2020 Release of Liability & Indemnity and Drug Certification Agreement (pdf)	↓ Download
ANIMAL DIVISION DOWNLOADS	
2020 Beef Skillathon Final Rules (pdf)	↓ Download
2020 Calf Scramble Rules *Judge: Katy Wunderlick (pdf)	↓ Download
2020 Halter Heifer / Market Steer Rules *Judge: Shane Jennings (pdf)	↓ Download

<http://www.austincountyfair.com/livestock-rules>

Rules

- Print the rules online!
- Rule Books are available at the Extension office or Fair office

Make sure you read the following!

- Rules are available online
 - ★ – General Livestock Rules & Regulations (Ethics)
 - ★ – Specific Specie Rules
 - ★ – Youth Auction Sale Rules



Ethics Policy



INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATIONS OF RULES

The Austin County Fair Association's Executive Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to determine the matters in regard thereto and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Conduct deemed unacceptable by the Executive Committee may result in the expulsion from the grounds and further Austin County Fair sponsored activities. Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums, and he/she shall be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order. All exhibits will be under the control of the Board of Directors but the organization will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, arising from any animal exhibited by him/her. He/she shall indemnify the organization against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage to any of the animals exhibited by him/her or arising out of or in any connection with such exhibitors or any of the animals solely exhibited. All protests must be filed in writing at the Fair Office with a nonrefundable fee of \$250 per exhibitor.

ALL ENTRIES IN THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR MUST COMPLY WITH THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSIONS REGULATIONS AND ANY REGULATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOVERNING ADMISSION OF LIVESTOCK INTO SHOWS, FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS.

INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES

If an exhibitor or parent in any way, whether in person or by agent or servants, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or as a result of the show, shows any disrespect toward them or the show, the management may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or it may also withhold from such exhibitor such premiums that may have been awarded or take such steps as they deem necessary. This includes remarks spoken, in print or in electronic format that are deemed derogatory or defaming to Judges, Livestock Officials and/or committee members All judge's (including sifting judges) decisions and weights are final.

Announcement!

- Ethics Policy and Youth Auction Sale Rules
- Fair will be 10 days!
- Schedule for Animals is the same as Last Year!
- **Quality Counts** – if you are moving to a new grade, please verify if you require a new number.
 - Junior is grades 3-5
 - Intermediate is grades 6-8
 - Senior is grades 9-12
- **Make sure this is done before your August Fair Sign Up Meeting**

New/Reminders!

- **New Wash Racks!!!!**
- **Hair grooming** products may be used prior to the start of the show, but the animal must be washed out and free of residue prior to entering the holding area. Animals will be checked for residue prior to entering the holding area. Any animal found with residue will not be allowed to enter the holding area. The use of adhesives, paints, dyes, etc. will be prohibited
- **Drug Policy** Any exhibit requiring medication during the Fair must have treatment made in accordance with the current Release of Liability & Indemnity, And Drug Certification Agreement. This form must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian prior to submitting entry cards. This Agreement will be available during the mandatory progress show on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Quality Counts

How do I access the new Quality Counts system?

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Please be sure to follow the enrollment instructions!

<https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/files/2019/07/QC-Enrollment-Exhibitors-UPDATED-7.25.pdf>

Important Dates!

- Location: Four County Auction Center, Industry Texas
- Cash or Check made to Austin County Fair
- Pen of Heifers Tag-in
 - June 5th 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - There will be a \$15.00 per head tag in fee and a \$55.00 validation fee per pen at tag-in
- Halter Heifers/Steers
 - June 6th
 - Fee \$15.00 Tag in Fee per head

Important Information!

- Forms available at the Fair Office or at Tag in.
- Sign up for Austin County Livestock Project Group on Facebook
- **Project meeting, Showmanship Clinics and Shows will be posted on LPG Facebook and Agrilife page**
- Austin County Jubilee – August 8 & 9
- **Mandatory Progress Show – Aug 15, 2020 at Austin County Fairgrounds, 8:00 am**
- Fair is next!

Before Tag in!

- Heifers
 - Make sure you go to the vet
 - Make sure to have your calf Palpated (Recommended)
 - All Shots
 - Brucellosis vaccinated
 - Dehorned
 - Minimum of 500lbs
- Steers
 - Must be castrated
 - Must be dehorned
 - Must weight 1000 lbs by Fair

Before Tag in! cont.

- Heifers
 - Heifers must be born during the dates published in the fair catalog.
 - All Halter Heifers must be either polled or dehorned, and Brucellosis vaccinated, prior to tag-in
 - Good idea to have heifers palpated prior to tag-in
- Steers
 - All Market Steers must be surgically castrated and dehorned prior to tag-in

Pen of Heifers Information

- Information is posted ACF website:

PEN OF HEIFERS	
Judge: Michael Grahmann & Pat Shields	
Pen of Heifer - Rules (pdf)	↓ Download
Pen of Heifer - Record Book Instructions (pdf)	↓ Download
Pen of Heifer - Sample of Record Book (pdf)	↓ Download
Pen of Heifer - Record Book (xls)	↓ Download
Pen of Heifer - Study Guide Part 1 (pdf)	↓ Download
Pen of Heifer - Study Guide Part 2 (pdf)	↓ Download

Tag in Procedures

- Arrive at Four County Auction Barn, Get in Line!
- Unloading will be at the loading shoots
- Animals can be run off or walked off trailers
- Halter animals should have a halter on
- First come first serve
- Forms – Halter Heifer, Steer Forms, Pen Forms
(Available at Shoots)
- Have forms filled out before getting to the shoot
- Calves are Tagged and Tattooed then sent to the scales to be weighed

Tag in Procedures cont.

- Before scales Beef Committee will take payment (\$15.00 per head) and provide a pink copy of the forms for your records
- Calves are weighed
 - Heifers must weigh a minimum of 500 lbs.
 - Steers no minimum

Forms

- Birthdate of Heifer (close as possible)
- Sire (Breed of Bull)
- Dam (Breed of Cow)
- County Heifer calved in (or sale barn location)
- Brucellosis Vaccination date (yellow brucellosis form)
- Implants – NA unless you are using implants provide name
- Heifer was sold to - Exhibitor name
- Date Heifer was sold to Exhibitor
- Breeders Signature NA unless you can get it signed
- **KEEP THE PINK COPY SO YOU CAN TRACK WEIGHT GAIN!**

Other Programs

- Beef Skillathon
 - Separate registration for Skillathon
 - Contest Wed, October 9th, 2pm
 - Age Categories – Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors
 - Resources listed online
- Calf Scramble
 - Application available on ACF website
 - Application due Sept 14, 2020

Points of Contact

- Beef Skillathon – Dena Janish – denajanish@gmail.com
- Halter Heifers/Steers – Greg Adams 979-877-9923
- Pen of Heifers – Dan Diezi 832-309-8215
- Scramble Heifers – Roy Martin 832-573-8378
Troy Oliver 281-734-9766