

# **RAINS COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE**

## **Chairmen**

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# RAINS COUNTY FAIR JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

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## LIVESTOCK SHOWS

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**

Livestock Show

9:00 A.M.

Rolling Schedule Order:

- ★ Market Steers
- ★ Market Lambs
- ★ Market Goats
- ★ Breeding Beef Heifers

*(Showmanship will be judged during each show.)*

**Friday, September 18, 2026**

Livestock Show

8:00 A.M.

Rolling Schedule Order:

- ★ Market Pigs
- ★ Junior Showmanship
- ★ Senior Showmanship

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## LIVESTOCK SALE

**Saturday, September 19, 2026**

Buyer Check-In

6:00 P.M.

Sale

6:30 P.M.

Please join us to support local Rains County 4-H and FFA members!

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*Shows and Sale will be broadcast on [Rains County Fair Facebook Live](#).*



# LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

- 1. Fair Behavior.** Any adult or youth, including but not limited to volunteers, 4-H or FFA members or parents, breeders, or spectators, may be removed and/or banned from the Fairgrounds for current and/or any future fairs, events, or contests for any of the actions below. The duration of the removal and/or ban will be determined at the discretion of the Rains County Fair Board.
  - Exhibiting conduct is unbecoming to the Rains County Fair Association, including but not limited to:
    - Using abusive or offensive language.
    - Exhibiting signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
    - Making threats to any individual, using intimidation tactics, becoming violent, or causing bodily harm.
  - Violating Rains County Fair Jr. Livestock rules, Texas 4-H, and/or FFA Rules and Guidelines.
  - Exhibiting aggressive behavior toward an animal.
  - Exhibiting unwillingness to work with Rains County Fair Officers and Board members, volunteers, CEAs, ASTs, or contest chairmen.
  - Interfering with Judging. If an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, by family member, representative, and/or breeder, interferes with judging, shows disrespect to a judge, show official, or volunteer, they may be banned from further competition and may forfeit any prizes and/or premiums awarded.
  - Making derogatory remarks on social media about contests and events, judges, exhibitors and/or families, Rains County Fair Officers and Board members, volunteers, CEAs, ASTs, or contest chairmen.
  - Interacting (grooming, feeding, harassing, etc.) with another exhibitors' animal or supplies without their permission.

Behavior resulting in removal from the Fairgrounds may be subject to the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor, forfeiture of awards, and/or auction income.

- 2. Exhibitor Camping.** Space is EXTREMELY limited. Parents, CEAs, ASTs, adult leaders, volunteers, or breeders are asked to reduce seating and supplies to a minimum. Tents, tables, TVs, gaming systems, bed rolls, or cooking devices (microwaves, crockpots, grills, hot plates, roasters, coffee pots, etc.) are NOT permitted on the Fairgrounds unless approved by the Rains County Fair Board prior to the start of the fair.
  - Exhibitors are asked to keep all walkways and public areas clean and free of debris; manure and bedding should be disposed of in designated dumpsters and trash disposed of in trash bins.
- 3. Vehicles and Trailers.** Exhibitor vehicles and trailers are not allowed inside the Rains County Fairgrounds (other than when unloading animals). Vehicles left on the Fairgrounds without an official parking pass will be towed at the owner's expense.

Exhibitors are prohibited from bringing any all-terrain vehicle, golf cart, scooter or similar device deemed by the Rains County Fair Board to be unacceptable on the Fairgrounds. Any such devices found on the Fairgrounds will be immediately removed and impounded at the owner's expense.

4. **Judge Decisions.** Judges' decisions are final in all cases. In the event of a mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered prior to the judge's decision may be addressed through an official protest.
5. **Official Protests.** Official protests must be submitted in writing to the Rains County Fair office and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00. Protest deposits will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must plainly state the cause and details of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Rains County Fair office within 24 hours of the protested incident. Protests not filed within 24 hours of the protested incident will not be considered. Protests are reviewed, investigated, and decided on by the Rains County Fair Board; protest decisions are final and not open to appeals. Depending on the nature of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation has been completed. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES

1. Participation in the junior supervised livestock division is limited and restricted to Rains County 4-H Club members and Rains ISD FFA members who reside in Rains County or attend a school in Rains County and who have continuously, personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of the County Agricultural Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. To be eligible, youth must be 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and may not have graduated from high school. 4-H and FFA members showing in the Rains County Livestock Show may not have shown in, registered to show in, attempted to show (ex: registered but did not make weight), nor sold an animal at another county sale within one calendar year of the Rains County Show, or they will be disqualified.
2. The Rains County Livestock Show shall be deemed as a Terminal Show. Therefore, all **market** animals, (steers, goats, lambs, and pigs) will become the sole property of the Fair Association. The buyers will no longer have an option to give the animals back to the exhibitor. Every market animal will either be put on the truck or will be sent to the slaughterhouse. Under NO circumstances will the exhibitor be allowed to take any market animal home – with only the exception of Steers. See specific Steer Rules.
  - If animals are purchased by any family member off the truck, or families find other ways to break the above-mentioned rule, then the youth will be subject to Disciplinary Action.
  - Any youth taking a Sale animal from the Fairgrounds without consent of the Fair Board is subject to Disciplinary Action spelled out in Rule #19, below.
  - Do not remove animal ear tags for any reason unless instructed by a fair officer; Ear tags are used to ensure animals are sorted and sent to the correct location.

3. A standard 4-H or FFA record must be kept on the project and dropped off at the **County Extension Office by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> before 4:00 p.m.** A template is available for use and will be given out at tag-in. If a record is not available, this disqualifies the animal from the show. Plaques will be given for “Best Set of Records” on heifers, steers, pig, goats, and lambs. A complete record must contain the following:
  - Standard record form
  - Picture story (showing the development of the animal)
4. All market animals must be purchased by the official tag-in date. All market animals must be tagged in on the official tag-in date set by the organization. A market animal has a seven-day grace period after tag-in date to be replaced in a situation of hardship but only with the Association’s approval.
  - a. Tag-in date for steers is **April 19, 2026**
  - b. Tag-in date for pigs, goats and lambs is **June 6, 2026**
5. Each exhibitor may tag in two animals but only show and sell one market animal. The two animals may be of the same species or the combination of any two. For example:
  - ★ 2 pigs
  - ★ 1 pig or 1 lamb
  - ★ 1 pig or 1 steer
  - ★ 1 steer or 1 lamb
  - ★ 1 lamb or 1 goat

Two animals of the same species may be tagged in under multiple siblings’ names that all live at the same residence. Each animal must be officially tagged and recorded. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animal. **Do not** remove an animal’s ear tag at any time unless instructed by a fair official. If an ear tag falls out or needs to be removed for medical reasons, please contact a fair official as soon as possible.

6. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their animal(s) to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Pigs, lambs, goats, and heifers may begin arriving at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 a.m.; Steers may arrive after final weigh-in. **All animals must be in place by 2:00 p.m.**, meaning they must be at the Fairgrounds and in a pen by 2:00 p.m. Official Weigh-in time will be between 4:30-6:00 p.m. Due to space and safety issues, breeders will not be allowed in the weigh-in area. Failure to weigh-in will disqualify the animal from competition. **Pen spaces are limited so there may be multiple animals per pen.** Steer weigh-in times and place will be published.
7. At weigh-in the tag number or tattoo and exhibitor’s name must match that of the number and name registered at tag-in date. Any deviation will disqualify the animal from competition. No animal may compete if it was not tagged for the Rains County Fair.
8. Once an animal is unloaded to be weighed and it does not make the weight requirements, it cannot leave the fairgrounds if it is to be weighed-in again before weigh-in is over. If the animal is taken off the grounds, it will not be allowed to re-weigh. Animals are allowed two official weigh-ins.

9. The Fair Association is obliged to sell only the top 80% of the livestock (Species with entries more than 10 animals are subject to sell only the top 80%).
10. A 3% commission fee will be deducted from the final payout amount for fair operating expenses (excluding grand and reserve awards).
11. All exhibitors are responsible for the caretaking of their own animals while at the Fair and until the animal has been delivered to the buyer's choice of reasonable destination. Each animal should be fed and watered within a schedule and excessive shrinkage due to negligence of exhibitors will result in cancellation or reduction of payment. Feed, water, and troughs shall be provided by exhibitors.
12. Unethical fitting of animals is prohibited. Any animal that is unethically treated by exhibitors will be disqualified at the discretion of the Fair Association. Unethically fitted animals will be barred from exhibition. Humane treatment of animals must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and attendees. Animals given any form of intoxicating beverage, tranquilizer or other drug affecting mood or attitude prior to judging will be disqualified. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited and will be cause for disqualification. This includes but is not limited to stomach pumping, airing injections, bruising and balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any of the quarters. The use of graphite, powders, dyes, hemp, false tailheads, glued on hair, or hair-like substances, or other similar substances externally and steroids, growth stimulants is prohibited. Exceptions to this will be granted for common and accepted animal husbandry practices.
13. At the time the animal is sold, the Rains County Fair Association has control of the animal.
14. Exhibitors must comply with all other rules and regulations set up by the Rains County Fair Association throughout the entire feeding program, show, and sale.
15. If the 4-H or FFA member has charged feed at the local feed store and has not paid their bill at the time the exhibitor checks are prepared, the check will be made payable to the youth and the feed store. If all debts are not paid, the child will not be eligible for next year's show.
16. We have a limited number of volunteers helping in the livestock barn and we ask parents to be available to help get your child's animal into the arena for the Show and Sale.
17. You must pick up all your personal items from the show barn by Sunday afternoon, i.e., water hoses, fans, feed buckets, etc. **We do not gather items left in stalls.**
18. Thank You cards must be brought to our office as soon as you receive your list of buyers from our office. **They must be handwritten by the child on a Thank You card.** We will not accept any that are computer-generated. We will not release your check to you until this request is completed and in our office. Additional information will be provided following the fair.
19. If 4-H or FFA members violate any of the above-mentioned Rules, they are subject to one or all of the following deemed by the Fair Board: forfeiture of premiums and prizes, banned from future

shows, banned from any Fair Scholarships, and/or any other disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Fair Board.

## 20. CLEAN-UP

- Deadline: **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**
- You will not be allowed to wash out your pens with water, so you may use shavings.
- Please be at the Fairgrounds by **8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** to clean the shavings out of your pen. Failure to do so will result in a delay in receiving your check from the livestock sale.

## **\*\*\*SPECIFIC SPECIES RULES\*\*\***

### **MARKET STEERS**

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- Minimum weight requirement at first weigh-in must be at least 500 pounds and the animal must show an average of 2 pounds per day weight gain from beginning weigh-in until final weigh-in. There will be a 50-pound tolerance allowed for the official weight. They will show as a finished steer.
- All steers will show in one class, unless there are more than 15 steers, then they will be broken into 2 classes by weight. Class(es) will be posted in the arena.
- Steers that are not halter broken before entry in the show will be disqualified.
- This will be a Terminal Sale not Show. If a steer exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve, that animal must sell. All other steers have the option not to sell. However, they must withdraw from the Sale within 30 minutes of the end of the Steer Show. If you do sell, all prices are final, and you may not withdraw from the Sale.

### **MARKET PIGS**

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- Only shavings are allowed as bedding (no hay or straw).
- All entries must weigh between 220 and 270 pounds at the final weigh-in. There will be a 10-pound tolerance allowed above and below the official weight.
- Only clean animals may go across the scales; no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- You may officially weigh an animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first official time they will not be allowed to re-weigh.
- Classes will be determined and posted in the arena after final weigh-in.
- Exhibitors may show gilts or barrows.
- Showmanship: Any exhibitor wishing to compete for showmanship must use their own animal for showmanship competition. Showmanship Classes will be broken into Junior and Senior Categories.
  - Junior – 13 and under
  - Senior – 14 and up

### **MARKET LAMBS**

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- Only shavings are allowed as bedding (no hay or straw).
- Classes will be determined by the Fair Board after final weigh-in and will be posted in the arena.
- All entries must weigh at least 80 pounds as a minimum and no maximum weight is set. There will be a 5-pound tolerance allowed for official weight.

- Only clean animals can go across the scales; no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- Exhibitors may show whether or ewe lambs.
- Lambs are required to be slick sheared to show (normal practices accepted).
- Halters are **not allowed** on lambs during the show, showmanship, competition, or sale.
- You may officially weigh an animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first official time they will not be allowed to re-weigh.
- Showmanship: Any exhibitor wishing to compete for showmanship must use their own animal for showmanship competition. Showmanship Classes will be broken into Junior and Senior Categories.
  - Junior – 13 and under
  - Senior – 14 and up

### **MARKET GOATS**

- All entries in this department will refer to all general rules.
- Only shavings are allowed as bedding (no hay or straw).
- Classes will be determined by the Fair Board after final weigh-in and will be posted in the arena.
- At weigh-in all goats must weigh at least 60 pounds as a minimum and no maximum weight is set. There will be a 5-pound tolerance allowed for official weight.
- Only clean animals can go across the scales; no mud will be allowed on the animal.
- Exhibitors may show whether or doe goats consisting of any Market or Cross Breed.
- Goats are required to be slick sheared to show, except below knee and hock and the tip of the tail (normal practices accepted).
- Goats may be shown with Collars/Chains/Show Halters.
- Horns – Must be Dehorned/Blunted/Tipped.
- Showmanship: Any exhibitor wishing to compete for showmanship must use their own animal for showmanship competition. Showmanship Classes will be broken into Junior and Senior Categories.
  - Junior – 13 and under
  - Senior – 14 and up
- You can weigh an animal no more than two times. If the animal makes weight the first time, they will not be allowed to re-weigh.

### **BREEDING HEIFERS**

- All heifers must be registered in exhibitor's name and state validated by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Calves must be at least 6 months of age to show.
- (5) Head Constitutes a Division (American, British, Exotic). All others will be shown together as Other Registered Breeds. Classes will be determined by the number of entries and will be broken by age. Classes will be posted in the arena. Class determinations will be at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
- Exhibitors are allowed 3 heifer entries.
- Heifers are released at the end of the show (heifers may not leave before the show ends). Any heifers leaving the fairgrounds after the show must be out by 3:00 pm.

**\*\* ALL ANIMALS MUST REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR THE DURATION OF THE FAIR. ANIMALS MAY NOT BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE SHOW (EXCEPT BREEDING HEIFERS). \*\***

## RECORD BOOKS

- Due: Friday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>** by 4:00 p.m.

## MARKET STEERS

- Weigh-In: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Willis' Farm)
- Arrival: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** by 2:00 p.m.
- Show: Thursday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m.

## MARKET LAMBS & GOATS

- Arrival: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Weigh-In: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Show: Thursday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** following Steers

## BREEDING HEIFERS

- Arrival: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Show: Thursday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** after Goats.
- Release: Thursday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** end of show.

## MARKET PIGS

- Arrival: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Weigh-In: Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Show: Friday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 a.m.
- There will be a 15-minute Break between each Pig Class
- Showmanship will be immediately following the conclusion of the Champion Drive.

## LIVESTOCK SALE

- Sale Set Up: Saturday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m.
- Parade of Champions: Saturday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m.
- Sale: Saturday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m.
  - ★ The Sale will be held in the Rains County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena.

## ADD-ONS

- Deadline: Friday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>** by 4:00 p.m. (for donor name in paper)
- Add-ons will be accepted at the Extension Office through Friday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - ★ Add-on forms will be available at the Sale or for download online.

## CLEAN-UP

- Date: Sunday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**
- You will not be allowed to wash out your pens with water.
- Please be at the Fairgrounds by **8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** to clean out your pen.  
**Failure to do so will result in a delay in receiving your check from the livestock sale.**

**Awards**

- Buckles will be awarded to the overall Grand and Reserve. All others will be awarded ribbons or rosettes.

The Rains County Fair Association awards the Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Pig, Grand Champion Lamb, and Grand Champion Goat winners \$100.00 each. The Rains County Fair Association awards the Reserve Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Pig, Reserve Champion Goat, and Reserve Champion Lamb winners \$50.00 each.

**AG MECHANICS**

- Arrival: Thursday Morning
- See Ag Teachers for Rules.

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# LIVESTOCK SALE

**DATE:** Saturday, September 19, 2026  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** Rains County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena

*To register as a buyer at the Rains County Livestock Sale, please call 903-473-4580.*