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2018 Official Rule Book

A look ahead...

VLS 2019 - Feb. 25 to March 4, 2019

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NOTE: Rules and dates subject to change and revision. Please refer to most current Rule Book at www.victorialivestockshow.com.

SCHEDULE

June 2017

- 27 Market Steer Tagging and Major Show Steer Validation at Diebel Ranch, 4PM-6PM.

September 2017

- 18 Mandatory Market Rabbit Meeting, 6pm – 4H Activity Center
- 23 Market Steers, Carcass Steers and Commercial Heifers tagging at Briggs Ranch in Bloomington – 8AM-11AM.
- 23 Last day to purchase & be in possession of Commercial Heifers, Market Steers & Carcass Steers.

OCTOBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 2ND, 2017

ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED ONLINE AT WWW.VICTORIALIVESTOCKSHOW.COM

DECEMBER 3RD TO DECEMBER 31ST

**ALL ENTRIES ARE SUBJECT TO A \$50 LATE FEE
NO LATE FEES ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31ST**

October 2017

- 1 **All** Livestock & Breeding Entries can be entered and paid online
- 1 Last day to obtain special permission to show in VLS for certain exhibitors.
- 14 Carcass & Market Lamb tagging, tattooing at VLS Pavilion from 8AM – 9AM.
- 14 Market Goat tagging & tattooing at VLS Pavilion 8AM-9AM.
- 30 Last day to purchase and be in possession of Market Lambs and Goats & Carcass Lambs. Carcass & Market Lamb and Goats tagging & tattooing at VLS Pavilion from 4PM-6PM.
- 30 Major Show Lamb and Goat validation at the VLS Pavilion 4PM-6PM.

November 2017

- 1 Sweepstakes Heifers must be registered in the name of exhibitors.
- 11 Market Hog, Carcass Hog and Breeding Gilt tagging for Victoria Livestock Show from 8AM-9AM at the VLS Pavilion.
- 30 Deadline to register for Market Broiler show. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

December 2017

- 2 All market animals must be entered and paid online, no exceptions. Last day for full entry refund will be January 31st.
- 2 Entry deadline for Pony Show.
- 2 Market Hog, Carcass Hog and Breeding Gilt tagging from 8AM-9AM at the VLS Pavilion.
- 2 Last day to purchase and be in possession of Market Hogs, Carcass Hogs, and Breeding Gilts.

December 2017 cont'd

- 2 Sweepstakes Heifer entries due.
- 11 Market Rabbit Meeting drop-off meeting, 5-6 – 4H Activity Center

January 2018

- 15 Entry deadline for Ag Mechanics Show.
- 17 Market Broilers arrive - pick up at designated time and place.
- 27 Market Rabbit validation and tattooing - 12 Noon-1:30PM
- 31 Last day to withdraw all divisions from VLS for full entry fee refund is midnight.

February 2018

- 1 Scholarship applications due.
- 10 Open Rabbit Show – 7AM.
- 24 Pony Show – 8AM.
- 25 Carcass Hogs must arrive for weigh-in – 4PM-5:30PM.
- 26 Carcass Lambs must arrive for weigh-in – 6AM-6:15AM.
- 26 Carcass Steers must arrive for weigh-in – 5:30AM-6AM.
- 28 Ag Mechanics, County Fair and Clover Days Check-in - 4PM-7PM.
- 28 Market Hog weigh-in and sift - 5PM-7PM.

March 2018

- 1 Market Rabbit check-in and sift – 7:00AM-8:00AM.
- 1 Market Rabbit judging - 8:00AM
- 1 Breeding Rabbit check-in – 9AM and judging –9:30PM.
- 1 Market Broiler check-in and sift – 9AM-10AM.
- 1 Ag Mechanics and County Fair judging – 9AM-Noon.
- 1 Market Lamb weigh-in and sift – 8:30AM-9AM.
- 1 Market Steer weigh-in and sift – 9AM-10AM.
- 1 Market Goat weigh-in and sift – 9AM-9:30AM.
- 1 Commercial Heifer check-in – 10AM-Noon.
- 1 Market Broiler judging – Noon.
- 1 Sweepstakes Heifer check-in – 10:30AM-11:30AM.
- 1 Grand Opening Ceremonies – Noon.

March 2018 cont'd

- 1 Ag Mechanics and County Fair open for viewing – 1PM-7PM.
- 1 Carcass winners announced – 1:30PM-2:30PM.
- 1 Market Hog judging – 2:30PM-9PM.
- 2 Sweepstakes Heifer judging – 10AM.
- 2 Commercial Heifer judging – 10AM.
- 2 Breeding Gilt check-in – 10AM-11AM.
- 2 Ag Mechanics and County Fair open for viewing – 10AM-7PM.
- 2 Market Lamb judging – 1PM-3PM.
- 2 Market Goat judging – 3PM-6PM.
- 2 Commercial Heifer winners announced – 6:30PM.
- 2 Market Steer judging – 7PM.
- 3 TCCA Junior Heifer Show – 8AM.
- 3 Extra Special Livestock Show – 9AM.
- 3 Ag Mechanics, County Fair and Clover Days projects released - 10AM-Noon.
- 3 Jr. Breeding Gilts judging – 1PM.
- 3 Commercial Heifer sale – 3PM.
- 3 4-H/FFA Youth Awards/Scholarships in Jaycee Hall – 7:30PM.
- 3 FFA/4-H Youth Dance in Jaycee Hall – 9PM.
- 4 Commercial Heifers released – 8AM-10AM.
- 4 Market Rabbits released – Noon-12:30PM.
- 4 Jr. Breeding Gilts released – 1PM-2PM.
- 4 Market Broilers released – 1PM-2PM.
- 4 Non-sale Market Steers & Sweepstakes Heifers released – 3PM – 5PM.
- 4 4H/FFA Youth Awards & Scholarships Ceremony – Jaycee Hall, 7PM
- 5 Auction set up – 8AM.
- 5 Buyer registration/sign in – 3PM-4:30PM.
- 5 Victoria Livestock Show Auction – 4:30PM.
- 5 Last day to make arrangements for carcass processing – 5PM.
- 6 All animals must be removed from show grounds – Noon.

GENERAL RULES

1. Junior exhibitors will be limited to youth in good standing with their 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters. Which includes meeting attendance. Reports will be turned in to show management along with grades, if requested. The exhibitor must be attending regular classes in elementary, intermediate, or high school throughout the feeding period and must be passing at the last grading period prior to the show. Exhibitors must be in good standing with their school and eligible to participate in all aspects of the show on the first day of the show and remain eligible for the duration (February 26th – March 5th) as deemed by their respective school administrator. Exhibitors transferring from one school to another (public, private or home school) within four weeks of the Victoria Livestock Show will be eligible or ineligible under the originally attended school. An exhibitor must be at least 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age by August 31, 2017 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31, 2017.
2. **All entries for the Victoria Livestock Show must be made online at www.victorialivestockshow.com The website will be available October 1, 2017 thru December 2, 2017. ENTRIES MADE ONLINE AFTER DECEMBER 2ND WILL BE CHARGED A \$50 LATE FEE. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31ST. Please bring two copies of your receipt with you to tag in.**
3. The junior show will be open to Victoria County 4-H and FFA members if they (1) reside in Victoria County throughout the total feeding period, and (2) attend regular school as defined in rule 1 above. Goliad FFA, Industrial FFA and Cuero FFA members may also participate if they (1) reside in Victoria County throughout the total feeding period, (2) attend regular schools as defined in rule 1 above, and (3) if they have both market and breeding animals, both must be entered and shown in the Victoria Show to be eligible to enter. No others will be allowed to exhibit in the Junior Market Show unless special permission is obtained annually from the Victoria Fair Association Board of Directors before October 1st prior to the show year.
4. Any junior exhibitor will be allowed to sell a Grand Champion in the Market Division or Carcass Division twice before he/she is ineligible to show in the same division again.
5. Each entry must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. In the junior classes, the animal must have been owned and fed by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must own their market and carcass sheep, goats and hogs by their tagging date. Steers can be purchased anytime and left on its dam or nurse cow, but must be weaned and in possession of the exhibitor by the steer tagging date, prior to the show. All projects will be fed and cared for by the exhibitor during that feeding period. No animal owned by a Club or Chapter will be eligible to be shown or sold.
6. Animals in all classes will be under the supervision of the exhibitor. In no case will the Victoria Fair Association, its management or any Victoria Livestock Show official be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, exhibitor or animal. No claim for injury to person or property shall be assessed nor suit instituted.
7. Each exhibitor is expected to keep his/her stalls, pens and exhibits clean, neat and with fresh bedding daily until the animal is removed from the barn or is sold at the auction. For those who refuse to comply, it will be up to the discretion of the show management to ban the exhibitor from the Victoria Livestock show for at least one (1) year.
8. Each entry in the Junior Division must be shown and sold by its owner unless another 4-H or FFA member is authorized by the show officials.

9. Competent judges will be provided by the show management for all classes of livestock. The judge's decision on all placing will be final.
10. Weighing Market Classes
 - A) All entries in the Market Classes (except Broilers) will be weighed on the grounds by a committee appointed by the show management. This will be the official weight for all purposes.
 - B) Any re-weigh for animals must be called for immediately and must be done before the next animal is weighed. The animal will be held at the scale area until the scales have been cleaned and balanced and the animal's weight re-checked. If on the second weighing the animal does not reach the minimum weight or exceeds the maximum weight, the animal will be disqualified.
11. An exhibitor can raise any number of steers, hogs, lambs, rabbits, goats, or broilers or any combination of these in both market and carcass divisions. Rabbits, goats, and boilers are not eligible for the carcass division. Exhibitors can raise only 50 broilers. Any number of heifers and gilts may be raised for the breeding divisions. The exhibitor can only show one market and one carcass entry and they may be of separate species. If an exhibitor is ineligible to show, no one else can show the animal for him/her. If an animal is sifted it is considered shown and no other species may be entered at that point. An entry card and a fee must be submitted for each Market Division entered. Junior exhibitors may sell only one entry in the Auction Sale. Junior exhibitors may show any number of entries in the breeding show but are limited to two in the Sweepstakes Heifer Show. All live animals placing high enough to make the sale will sell. An exhibitor who makes the sale with both live and carcass animals must sell their live animal. Exceptions being: Grand and Reserve Grand carcass champions will be sold instead of live animals. If an exhibitor exhibits a Grand and/or Reserve Grand champion in both live and carcass divisions that exhibitor will be given a choice of which animals will be sold. The decision must be made prior to the live animal leaving the show ring. All placing will remain the same regardless of any champion not selling. All Grand and Reserve Grand champion animals will remain in the show barn or in the cooler throughout the show.
12. Show management will furnish initial bedding in the Junior Division. Exhibitors **must** furnish additional bedding for all animals except for broilers.
13. No awards from other shows will be exhibited on pens and stalls except those of open show exhibitors.
14. Health Regulations:

All animals must meet the Texas Animal Health Commission requirements for "Admission of Livestock to Shows, Fairs and Exhibits". Veterinarians will be at the show to check animals. Any animal requiring blood tests must have such tests within the prescribed time of the show. Steers, hogs, lambs and goats will be inspected upon entry to the show grounds by an approved veterinarian. All sexually intact female lambs and goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program identification ear tag. All breeding animals must meet state requirements regarding freedom from tuberculosis and brucellosis. (See your veterinarian for details on breeding animals.) When required by the Texas Animal Health Commission, health papers are required at check-in.
15. No pumping, filling (of the animal) or tampering to change the natural conformation or appearance of market animals before or during the show will be permitted. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Victoria Livestock Show officials.
16. It is expected that all exhibitors are of the highest moral character and integrity and any violation of good order will subject the offender to such action as the show management deems advisable.

17. Closing time – Wednesday – Saturday 11PM till 5AM, Sunday 9PM – 5AM. No exhibitor, parent, or unauthorized person may remain in show barn.
18. Show management reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters regarding the show. They shall also have the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of the show can be ejected from the show along with his or her animal and be refused to exhibit at all future shows as well.
19. No animal may be removed from the grounds without a special release signed by the Chairman of that division.
20. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering animals until removed by VLS division committee members. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of animal to VLS and/or any resale value from the show.
21. Hog, lamb, and goat exhibitors must designate at time of entry the disposition of their animal if it does not make the sale. Those not so designated will be disposed of by the show management. The deadline for disposition change is January 15th. Contact Farah Janak, Disposition Chairman at 361-550-4888, with changes.
22. Disposition of market hogs, lambs, goats, and rabbits will be limited to a local packer or the designated livestock commission buyer as determined by the Disposition Chairman. No hogs, lambs, goats, or rabbits will be released to individuals under any circumstances -- **this is a terminal show**. All market hogs, market lambs, market goats, and market rabbits must be slaughtered.
23. The exhibitor will assume responsibility for dispositions of their steer, hog, or lamb carcass if they do not make the sale and all carcasses are not purchased by the processor. If all carcasses are not purchased, exhibitors must make arrangements with the processor no later than four days following the auction. The Saturday after the sale, the meat processor may begin processing any carcass that the instructions have not been given on. The owner will be responsible for all costs. Any carcasses left after 30 days will be donated to local charities.
24. No scales other than the official ones are allowed in the barn. Scales in the barn are for official use only.
25. The Victoria Livestock Show reserves the right to use any animal in the Victoria Livestock Show Judging Contest.
26. **Illegal Use of Drugs in Animals**
Exhibitors must insure that his/her animal:
 - A) has not received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration(FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and
 - B) is not within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA when the animal is weighed in for the Livestock Show. If FDA/USDA conducts unannounced inspections and testing, any animals testing positive will be disqualified and the ranking of all other animals will remain unchanged. If any animal is condemned for any drug related reason by a packer, the exhibitor will be responsible for any loss incurred by the packer and/or the buyer.
27. Any unruly animals may be sifted at the discretion of the officials at any time during the show.

28. No cell phones will be allowed in the show ring.
29. No alcoholic beverages allowed except in designated areas.
30. Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. Exhibitors can go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a VLS show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the VLS entry deadline. A passing score has been determined to be 80%. Website: <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/>
31. NO SHOW BOXES IN MAIN SHOW BARN until Wednesday morning, 6AM.
32. NO GLASS BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN SHOW BARN.

SIFTING RULES

1. All animals will be sifted at weigh-in at the sifter's discretion. Decisions will be final. Sifted animals will be removed from the show barn and handled by show management. Animals may be sifted for the following reasons: crippled, diseased, external parasites, malnutrition, failure to meet the weight requirement, etc. The respective division Chairman will discuss the sifting protocol with the sifter.
2. Weighing Market Classes
 - A) All entries in the Market Classes (except Broilers) will be weighed on the grounds, by a committee, appointed by the management. This will be the official weight for all purposes.
 - B) Any re-weigh for animals must be called for immediately and must be done before the next animal is weighed. The animal will be held at the scale area until the scales have been cleaned and balanced and the animal's weight re-checked. If on the second weighing the animal does not reach the minimum weight or exceeds the maximum weight, the animal will be disqualified.
3. Show management reserves the right to sift unruly animals at any time during the show.

ENTRY FEES

All entries are to be paid on line at <http://www.victorialivestockshow.com>. Please check schedule for deadline. No late entries will be accepted.

Market Steers - \$30.00 per exhibitor

Market Hogs - \$30.00 per exhibitor

Market Lambs - \$30.00 per exhibitor

Market Goats - \$30.00 per exhibitor

Market Broilers - \$30.00 per pen (plus price of chicks to be determined later)

Market Rabbits - \$45.00 per exhibitor (includes processing)

Junior Breeding Gilts - \$30.00 per exhibitor

Junior Commercial Heifers - \$45.00 per pen

Sweepstakes Heifers - \$35.00 per head

TCCA Heifers - \$20.00 per head-per ring

Carcass Steers - \$80.00 per exhibitor

Carcass Hog - \$65.00 per exhibitor

Carcass Lamb - \$65.00 per exhibitor

Breeding Rabbits - \$3.00 per head

Pony - \$25.00 per pony

SALE RULES

1. The auction will be held Monday
2. Sale of a maximum of 285 animals from the various market and carcass divisions will be based on a percentage of the total number of entries eligible to show. Sale to consist of animals to be determined by Auction and Records committees. Each division chairman will have the opportunity to evaluate the Final Sale Order. **Any changes will need to be made before the sale sheet is sent to the printer at NOON on Saturday of the show.**
3. The show management reserves the right to refuse the sale of any exhibitor's animal who breaks any rule of the show in any form.
4. All animals qualifying will be sold by the entry lot.
5. **VLS will be issuing all Exhibitor checks, checks will be picked up from the Extension Office or directly from the Buyer if that is what the Buyer prefers. Exhibitors will receive in the mail or via email, a copy of the official Buyer Receipt within one week of the Sale. This notice will also include instructions as to where to pick up their checks. Checks will be ready for pick up no later than 30 days from the date of the Sale. All Exhibitors MUST bring a Thank-You note to pick up their check. Checks not picked up within 60 days will be voided and will be reissued by appointment only. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, failure to follow these rules may result in the exhibitor not being able to participate in the Victoria Livestock Show the following year. If there are questions pertaining to the Sale, please contact the Auction Chairman immediately.**
6. Exhibitors must be at their animal's pen, take their animal to the holding pen and then into the sales ring when their number is called. Failure to do so will result in a NO SALE.
7. If an exhibitor's market/carcass animal makes the sale, he or she MUST sell their animal the day of the sale. If the exhibitor does not show up at the time the market animal/carcass is to be sold then he or she forfeits their sale slot and is no longer eligible to exhibit any market/carcass animal in future Victoria Livestock Shows.
8. Each exhibitor must accompany their own animal through the sale ring unless authorized by show officials to have someone else to sell their animal.
9. Only halter awards, ribbons and banners may be displayed in the auction ring. No other decorations will be allowed (i.e. glitter, bandanas, scarves, T-shirts, riders, etc.). The sale will be stopped, until decorations are removed.
10. No exhibitor can withdraw from the show or sale after the animal is weighed in and accepted for show.
11. An exhibitor can raise any number of steers, hogs, lambs, rabbits or goats or any combination of these in both market & carcass divisions. Broilers, rabbits and goats are not eligible for the carcass division. Exhibitors can raise only 50 broilers. Any number of heifers and gilts may be raised for the breeding divisions. The exhibitor can only show one market and one carcass entry and they may be of separate species. If an animal is sifted it is considered shown and no other species may be entered at that point. An entry card and a fee must be submitted for each Market Division entered. Junior exhibitors may sell only one entry in the Auction. They are also eligible to sell one pen in the Commercial Heifer Sale.

12. All live animals placing high enough to make the sale will sell. An exhibitor who makes the sale with both live and carcass animals must sell their live animal. Exceptions being: Grand and Reserve Grand Carcass Champions will be sold instead of live animals. If an exhibitor exhibits a Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion in both live and carcass divisions that exhibitor will be given a choice of which animal will be sold. The decision must be made prior to the live animal leaving the show ring. All placings will remain the same regardless of any champion not selling. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will remain in the show barn or in the cooler throughout the show.
13. Disposition of market hogs, lambs, and goats will be limited to a local packer or the designated livestock commission buyer as determined by the Disposition Chairman. No hogs, lambs, or goats will be released to individuals under any circumstances -- **this is a terminal show**. All market hogs, market lambs, and market goats must be slaughtered.
14. Sale order will be posted by Saturday. **Any changes/corrections must be reported to the computer room by 12:00 noon Saturday**. The show will not be responsible for any error after that time.

For additional information contact:

Auction Chair - Shelly Marbach

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MARKET STEER RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Only one steer may be shown per exhibitor. Steer must be dehorned, halter broken, and fitted for the show.
3. All steers must be ear tagged to compete in the show. All steers, to be eligible to show, must have the official Victoria Livestock Show (VLS) ear tag or major show tag which is placed at the official tagging. Steers with major show tags will be assigned VLS #. At VLS show weigh-in, the exhibitor will decide to either leave the major show tag in or have the steer committee remove major show tag and replace it with a VLS tag at that time. If the official VLS ear tag is lost, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the steer Chairman within 24 hours. [Contact: Dr. Bob Horton at 361-572-4397.] The Chairman will then re-tag the steer if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.
4. At show weigh-in, minimum weight is 950 pounds.
5. There will be three (3) breed classifications with one or more weight classes in each breed at the discretion of show management. One entry will make a breed class.
 - A) American/Brahman - crosses must exhibit at least 25% Brahman characteristics.
 - B) English - Steers must appear to have predominant characteristics of the following breeds Angus, Hereford or Shorthorn.
 - C) All Other Breeds - All steers which do not fall into the above classifications.
6. Weight Classes: In each breed classification, there may be weight classes divided as equally as possible.
7. The sifter will have the authority to change breed classification of an entry. Should they feel that an animal does not meet the requirements, it will be placed in the proper breed classification. All steers' hair must be clipped to within one-quarter (1/4") inch except for the tail switch (tail switch being no more than 10" above the end of the cartilage of the tail) which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off.
8. Hair sifting will take place from 9AM-10AM. Exhibitors not meeting the hair sift will be allowed to remove their animals to a designated clipping area. They must be finished with their clipping prior to 11:00 a.m. and present it to the sifter for re-evaluation and admission to the show.
9. No steers will be allowed to exercise, invade, or otherwise move through the area where commercial cattle, lambs, or hogs are stalled. When steers leave their assigned stall space, they must be accompanied by the exhibitor at all times.
10. An exhibitor may drench a steer with up to 500 mL of fluid at 3 hour intervals in order to maintain the steer's body condition. The exhibitor may not drench, pump and/or fill to change natural confirmation or appearance of the market steers before or during the show. Refer to # 15 under General Rules.
11. Seventy-five (75) percent of the market steers exhibited and placed will be allowed to sell, not to exceed twenty-five (25) head, or an equal percentage of all other livestock, whichever is greater. All three breed classifications will sell at least 75% up to four entries, after four entries in a breed the percent sold will be determined by the number of sale slots available. In order to sell at least 75% of the first four entries in each breed there must be at least twelve steers entered in the show. All NO SALE steers may be brought back for sale slot re-evaluation immediately following selection of Champion and Reserve Champion.

12. **Only the exhibitor and ONE assistant will be allowed in the judging ring holding area.**
13. All steers must be manageable by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must present their steer for evaluation. (No steer will be evaluated while tied to the rail.) Only the steer committee persons will assist the exhibitors with their animals while in the show ring. Any steer that becomes unruly or creates a disturbance will immediately be excused. THE SHOW MANAGEMENT WILL DECIDE IF THE STEER MAY RETURN TO THE RING OR BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOW.
14. Market classes with exhibitors who have already won a Grand Champion carcass or Reserve Grand Champion carcass will have an equal number of entries placed in that class. The additionally placed entries will only be eligible for the sale if the market division exhibitor decides to sell their Grand Champion carcass or Reserve Grand Champion carcass.
15. Any unruly animals may be sifted at the discretion of the officials at any time during the show.
16. See schedule for release time of Non-Sale market steers.
17. Final disposition of all non-sale Market Steers will be determined and reported to the Market Steer Chairman by the time of their release.

For additional information contact:

Market Steer Chairman - Dr. Bob Horton

Phone: 361-572-4397

MARKET HOG RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. There will be five (5) breed classifications: (1) Duroc, (2) Hampshire, (3) Yorkshire, (4) Other Pure Breeds, and (5) Crossbreeds. In each breed classification, there will be weight classes to be decided after all entries are weighed in. Each class will contain a near equal number of hogs.

Classes will be divided as follows:

1 - 6 Hogs	1 weight class
7 - 12 Hogs	2 weight classes
13 - 60 Hogs	3 weight classes
61 + Hogs	4 weight classes

GUIDELINES FOR PUREBREED HOGS

BERKSHIRE – The general color of Berkshires shall be black and white with erect ears. Must have white on face and tail, unless tail is docked. Three of the four legs must be white; may have occasional splash of white on the body.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Solid white or solid black face from the ears forward
2. Solid black nose (rim of nose)
3. Neither ear can be entirely white
4. Dropped ears
5. Formation of a belt encompassing part of the one-third front of the body

CHESTER WHITE – Solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar and no colored hair. Ears must be down and medium sized.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Erect ears
2. Animals with non-white skin pigmentation larger than a silver dollar in one place
3. Animals with non-white hair

DUROC – Red in color. Must not have any white hair located on the animal. Ears down and medium sized. Must not have any black hair located on the animal. Maximum of three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter. No shading or indication of a belt.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Black spots larger than two inches in diameter located anywhere on the body
2. Excessive dark pigment colored patches of skin or obvious shading of a belt on the forefront of the animal.

POLAND CHINA – Black with white face and switch (unless tail is docked). Three of the four legs must be white; may have occasional splash of white on body. Maximum of one white leg. Ears down. No evidence of belt formation. No red or sandy hair and/or pigment.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Animal that lacks breed character (erect ears, belt formation)
2. Animal that has red or sandy hair and/or pigment

SPOTTED SWINE – Black and white in color. Ears cannot be erect. No red tinted or sandy brown spots. No solid black head from ears forward. No distinct white belt pattern encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Must not have brown or sandy coloration of any kind on the body

2. Solid black from ears forward
3. Must not have a combination of black leg and black foot
4. Very erect ears
5. A complete belt pattern encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder

HAMPSHIRE – Black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. Ears erect and not rounded. Must not have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. Must not have any red hair.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Animal with droopy, rounded ears
2. Animal with any white streaking in the center of the face

YORKSHIRE – White in color. Ears must be erect. No hair color other than white. No colored skin pigmentation larger than a silver dollar. No masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.

INELIGIBLE:

1. Any hair other than white located on any part of the body
2. Any non-white pigmentation spot larger than a quarter or total color spots larger than a silver dollar
3. Masking above the eyes
4. Floppy ears

3. The exhibitor must present the breed classification at the tagging date. The sifter will have the authority to change breed classification of any entry. Should they feel that an animal does not meet requirements, it will be placed in one of the above-mentioned classifications.
4. Barrows and gilts will be eligible for showing in the above classes.
5. Minimum weight is 230 pounds and maximum weight is 280 pounds. For re-weigh see General Rules pg. 10 or Sifting Rules pg. 15.
6. No oils, paint, powder, or other dressing may be used on hogs. Only water can be used. The sifter will check each hog on weigh-in day. If any material is on the animal other than water during show day, the animal will be disqualified.
7. No canes or any abusive devices will be allowed for the purpose of showing market hogs.
8. No other tags will be allowed in a hog's ear except the Victoria County Livestock Show tag. Ear tags number must be clean and visible.
9. An exhibitor can enter as many market hogs as they want as long as each animal is tagged in a family name. Also, every possible exhibitor in the family must be named to the hog at the time of tagging. At weigh-in of the show, the exhibitor must designate one of the original entries to enter into the show. Hogs that are double entered (both market and carcass) must be brought in for market validation. Only one (1) entry fee is required per exhibitor.
10. If a hog loses its ear tag, the exhibitor has 24 hours to notify officials to get the tag replaced. Call Greg Gordon 361-935-5720. He will re-tag the hog if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised. If this is not done, the animal will be disqualified. No one is allowed to cut tags out of hog's ears except show officials.
11. **Swine feeding and pen cleanup will be from 6AM-9AM, Thursday-Monday. Everything must be removed from pen, except water, no later than 9AM, except show day. If your pen is not up to**

specifications you will be notified. There will be no Committee member to check pens from 6AM-9AM.

12. Exhibitors must be at their animal's pen, take their animal to the holding pen, and then into the sales ring when their number is called. Failure to do so will result in a NO SALE.
13. Show management will furnish initial bedding in the Junior Division. Exhibitors **must** furnish additional bedding for all animals except for broilers.
14. Market classes with exhibitors who have already won a Grand Champion carcass or Reserve Grand Champion carcass will have an equal number of entries placed in that class. The additionally placed entries will only be eligible for the sale if the market division exhibitor decides to sell their Grand Champion carcass or Reserve Grand Champion carcass.
15. **No feeding or watering of hogs will be allowed on Wednesday until all hogs are checked in.**
16. No hogs are allowed to exercise out of their pens during the show.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals until removed by disposition or disposition representative. Refer to paragraph 21 under the General Rules Section.

For additional information contact:
Market Hog Chairman - Greg Gordon
Phone: 361-935-5720

MARKET LAMB RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Only wether and ewe lambs will be eligible.
3. All lambs must be clean shorn not more than seven (7) days before the show. Lambs with over 1/4" wool will be sifted.
4. All lambs must be tattooed and ear tagged to compete in the show. All sexually intact ewe lambs must have an official USDA Scrapie Eradication tag. No other tags will be allowed in the lamb's ears except VLS tags.
5. An exhibitor may enter as many market lambs as they want as long as each animal is tattooed and tagged to a specific family. At the weigh-in of the show, the exhibitor must designate one of the original entries to enter into the show.
6. If an ear tag is lost after the tagging dates, the market lamb Chairman must be notified within 24 hours. Contact: Kevin M. Janak 361-935-0560. He will re-tag the lamb if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.
7. Market lambs will not be checked for a full set of milk teeth.
8. There must be a minimum of four head to be considered a breed classification. There will be one or more weight class in each breed at the discretion of show management. (Fine Wool and Fine Wool Cross must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% Fine wool breeding.)
9. Minimum weight is 90 pounds. There is no maximum weight. All lambs underweight will be reweighed at that time. See General Rules pg. 10 or Sifting Rules pg. 15 (Sifting rule #1 will apply).
10. Drenching of market lambs with electrolytes for hydration will be allowed. General Rule #15 applies.
11. Feeding in pens will not be allowed. Feed buckets must be kept in show boxes when not in use.
12. Market classes with exhibitors who have already won a Grand Champion Carcass or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass will have an equal number of entries placed in that class. The additionally placed entries will only be eligible for the sale if the market division exhibitor decides to sell their Grand Champion carcass or Reserve Grand Champion carcass.
13. Shearing/clipping will be allowed on Thursday after check in and Friday morning of the show. All clippings and hair are to be cleaned up immediately. No blocking of the aisles with equipment will be permitted. **All blocking tables and other equipment used to shear lambs must be removed immediately following the lamb judging.**
14. Stalls will not be pre-assigned. Stalling will occur on a first come, first served basis.
15. Only the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the judging ring.
16. Halters are permitted in the judging ring for use by exhibitors if needed.

17. Exhibitors are expected to be ready to show when their class is called. Chairperson will not be accountable for finding the exhibitor. If you are not there when the gate is opened, you will not be allowed to show your lamb and it will automatically go out the back gate. Please be a responsible exhibitor.

For additional information contact:

Market Lamb Chairman - Kevin M. Janak

Phone: 361-935-0560

MARKET BROILER RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. All 4-H and FFA youth intending to raise and show broilers at the Victoria Livestock Show must pay the entry fee and the cost of broilers online, see schedule for deadline.
3. Each exhibitor must order only 50 broilers.
4. All broilers will be ordered from one hatchery, will be of the same breeding and will be hatched the same day. The 2018 Market Broiler Show will only consist of one division with pullets and cockerels showing in the same division. All 50 broilers will be banded and numbered as one group for a possible entry of three broilers or one entry. If a broiler loses a band or they are tampered with, the individual broiler is automatically disqualified from the show.
5. See schedule for date and time for Exhibitors or parents to pick up their day-old chicks at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center, 259 Bachelor Dr.
6. Each exhibitor must select and show three Market Broilers for one complete entry. A complete entry consists of three Market Broiler Cockerels or three Market Broiler Pullets.
7. Each exhibitor must present their pen of three Market Broilers at the show. The exhibitor is allowed to provide one back-up market broiler at the time of the sift to present to the sift judge if one of the pen of three are not acceptable for show. Following the sift, exhibitors are required to remove the back-up market broilers from the exhibit barn.
8. A sifting committee, with the department Chairman as one member, will be appointed to inspect all entries for the purpose of eliminating any entry not in proper show condition. Sick and diseased birds will be refused and if discovered during the sift, will be removed. Broilers losing their wing band for whatever reason will not be eligible to show. If the band and/or wing web shows evidence of tampering or if the wing web is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
9. Each exhibitor is required to bring two one-pound coffee cans or any metal can of equal size, shape and weight with a hole punched in the side next to the top of the can to be used for feed and water. All feed will be provided by the exhibitor. Litter will be furnished by the show.
10. Market Broilers will be shown by the exhibitor with the help of two other 4-H or FFA members to hold the birds. Helpers must be participants in the Victoria Livestock Show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to find help before judging.
11. Market Broiler pens and the immediate area will be cleaned by the exhibitor before 9AM each morning.
12. No one will be allowed to handle the exhibitor's Market Broilers without the exhibitor's approval.
13. All Market Broilers must be removed from the show barn between 1PM-2PM Sunday.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for delivering processed broilers to their buyer.
15. Exhibitors making the sale will present themselves and their placement ribbon during the auction and bring one broiler to the auction.

16. Market classes with exhibitors who have already won a Grand Champion Carcass or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass will have an equal number of entries placed in that class. The additionally placed entries will only be eligible for the sale if the market division exhibitor decides to sell their Grand Champion Carcass or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass.

For additional information contact:
Market Broilers Chairman - Ronnie Bollom
Phone: 361-576-6340

MARKET RABBIT RULES

1. Read all General Rules.
2. All Market Rabbits entered must be purebred, with or without pedigree papers.
3. See schedule for last day to withdraw market rabbits from VLS for refund.
4. Only commercial rabbits from the following breeds may be entered and shown: ARBA recognized six (6) class meat breeds of New Zealand (White, Red or Black), Californians, Palominos, Satins (all ARBA recognized colors), Cinnamons, Crème D 'Argents and Champagne D 'Argents.
5. All Market Rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Rabbits to be validated for the market division show must be kindled (born) while in the possession of the exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors will be required to complete a Breeder Certificate with breeder contact information and signature. Breeder Certificate will be due at the 4H Activity Center, see schedule for time and date. In addition, all exhibitors and exhibitors' parents will be required to execute an affidavit to confirm compliance with show rule #6. This affidavit must be turned in at time of validation and tattooing, see schedule for date and time. Failure to comply with this show rule by the stated due dates will deem the exhibitor ineligible to show and a refund will be provided.
7. Exhibitors may purchase a bred doe. The target breeding date is 100 days prior to the show, with an ideal kindling date of 70 days prior to the show.
8. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering their entry. Should it become necessary, exhibitors are responsible for the cooling of their rabbits. (Fans and frozen water bottles are permissible).
9. All water and feed storage containers must be removed from the cooping area after the animals are fed and watered.
10. Rabbit pens and the immediate area must be cleaned by the exhibitor before 9AM each morning.
11. An exhibitor may raise as many rabbits as they want and may be tattooed in a family name. Every possible exhibitor in the family must pay a separate entry fee. See schedule for date and time of validation and tattooing.
12. At the weigh-in of the show each exhibitor must designate 3 tattooed rabbits and one alternate, out of the rabbits originally validated to the exhibitor/family.
13. Market Rabbits will check-in on Thursday from 7:00AM – 8:00AM. **NOTE: Only exhibitors and Market Rabbit Chairman are allowed beyond the sifting gate.** Judging will be promptly at 8:00 a.m. Check-out will be Sunday, 12 Noon to 12:30PM. No locks.

14. All rabbits will be sifted at the time of check-in using the general standards as published by the "American Rabbit Breeders Association" (ARBA). The rules as set out in the "ARBA Standard of Perfection" are listed under "General Faults" and "Disqualifications from Competition". Weight limits: 3.5 lbs. minimum; 5.5 lbs. maximum **(which is an exception to the current ARBA weight rules for meat pens.)**
15. All rabbits will be judged by a certified ARBA Judge and will be judged on the ARBA points schedule for meat pens. Complete narrative is available in the "ARBA Standard of Perfection".

Meat	40 points
Flesh & Condition	30 points
Body & Weight Uniformity	20 points
Fur	10 points
Total	100 points
16. No one will be allowed to handle the exhibitor's rabbits without the exhibitor's approval.
17. Non-sale rabbits will be released for processing by the Market Rabbit Chairman immediately following judging/showmanship. All Market Rabbits will be processed at one facility to be decided by the Market Rabbit Chairman, Disposition Chairman and VLS management.
18. Market classes with exhibitors who have already won a Grand Champion Carcass or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass will have an equal number of entries placed in that class. The additionally placed entries will only be eligible for the sale if the market division exhibitor decides to sell their Grand Champion Carcass or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass.
19. Exhibitors participating in Market Rabbit showmanship will be divided into a Junior division and a Senior division. Based on Market Rabbit Showmanship criteria, participants are limited to one Junior Award and one Senior Award in lifetime.
20. See Schedule for Market Rabbit meetings

For additional information contact:
 Market Rabbit Chairman - Becky Kuecker
 Home: 361-575-6701
 Cell: 361-648-6736

MARKET GOAT RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. All goats must be tagged to compete in the show. Entry fees are to be paid online before tagging. Goats may be validated by family name where more than one child in the immediate family is raising goats. All goats will be tagged with an ear tag furnished by VLS and tattooed in the opposite ear on tagging date. If a goat loses its ear tag, the exhibitor has 24 hours to notify Mike Tater to get the goat re-tagged. If this procedure is not followed, the animal will be disqualified. No one is allowed to cut tags out of the goat's ears except show officials. All sexually intact female goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Eradication Program identification ear tag. No other tags will be allowed in the goat's ears except VLS tags.
3. The show is open to any breed or crossbred meat goat type.
4. Only wethers or does that are not bred may be shown.
5. Market goats will not be checked for a full set of milk teeth.
6. Minimum weight at check-in is 65 pounds and maximum weight is 130 pounds. For re-weigh see General Rules pg. 10 or Sifting Rules pg. 15 (Sifting rule #1 will apply).
7. Exhibitors will be required to have the horns tipped blunt before arrival at check-in. Failure to do so will be grounds for sifting of the animal. Horns may be of any length.
8. Goats must be sheared slick (approximately 3/8 inch or less) above the knee and hock joints; excluding the switch, before arrival on the grounds. Blocking tables are permitted, but aisles must be free and passable. All tables and equipment must be removed following the judging.
9. If an animal has a health problem it will be sifted. Sifter may consult with the veterinarian on duty.
10. Drenching of goats with electrolytes for hydration will be allowed. General Rule #16 applies.
11. Feeding in pens will not be allowed. Feed buckets must be kept in show boxes when not in use.
12. Weighing and assignment of weight classes will be determined under the direction of the goat Chairman.
13. Show management will furnish initial bedding in the Junior Division. Exhibitors must furnish additional bedding for all animals except for broilers.
14. Only the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the judging and sifting ring.
15. Halters are permitted in the judging ring for use by exhibitors if needed.
16. Exhibitors are expected to be ready to show when their class is called. Chairpersons will not be accountable for finding the exhibitor. If you are not there when the gate is opened, you will not be allowed to show your goat and it will automatically go out the back gate. Please be a responsible exhibitor.

For additional information contact:
Market Goat Chairman – Mike Tater
Home: 361-578-8240
Cell: 361-564-7501

JUNIOR CARCASS DIVISION RULES

1. The Carcass Contest shall be governed by the general rules and regulations of the Victoria Livestock Show Associates.
2. An exhibitor may nominate more than one steer, wether or ewe lamb, gilt or barrow, in each division but only one animal may show in the carcass show. The animal shown must be nominated to a specific family.
3. All animals weighing in at the carcass contest will be slaughtered at the Carcass Division packer or, if sifted, at the packer designated by the exhibitor.
4. An exhibitor may show one steer, lamb, or hog in the carcass show and one in the market show. However, only one of these animals may be sold at the Victoria Livestock Show Auction.
5. All animals must be clean for evaluation at check in prior to show. All steers must be halter broken and manageable by the exhibitor and one adult assistant.
6. **All exhibitors must be present for evaluation!**
7. Carcass steers placing beyond 7th place are sold through Sam Kane. Those making the VLS Auction will be auctioned as "Resale Only". Exhibitors should not contact Sam Kane, JJ Packing, or Ranchers Meat, Inc. The owner will be responsible for all costs. Any carcasses left after 30 days will be donated to local charities.
8. Winners will be announced Thursday. All participants are strongly encouraged to dress in the appropriate attire for this announcement.
9. An exhibitor can raise any number of steers, hogs, lambs, rabbits, or goats or any combination of these in both market and carcass divisions. Broilers, rabbits, and goats are not eligible for the carcass division. The exhibitor can only show one market and one carcass entry and they may be of separate species. If an animal is sifted it is considered shown and no other species may be entered at that point. An entry card and a fee must be submitted for each Market Division entered.
10. Junior exhibitors may sell only one entry in the Victoria Livestock Show Auction. All live animals placing high enough to make the sale will sell. An exhibitor who makes the sale with both live and carcass animals must sell their live animal. Exceptions being: Grand and Reserve Grand Champion carcasses will be sold instead of live animals. If an exhibitor exhibits a Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion in both live and carcass divisions, that exhibitor will be given a choice of which animal will be sold. The decision must be made prior to the live animal leaving the show ring. All placing will remain the same regardless of any champion not selling. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will remain in the show barn or in the cooler throughout the show.

CARCASS STEER RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Steers must be born no earlier than October 1, 2016 (17 months prior to show). A signed breeder's statement verifying correct birth date of calf must be presented at registration to the Carcass Steer Chairman. Steers will be tagged with a VLS ear tag and weighed for information only. Entry fee is due online before tagging.
3. Steers presented for Major Show registration and tagging can be nominated for the Junior Carcass competition under conditions that the exhibitor presents a signed breeder's statement of birth date validation upon registration and payment of entry fee. Steers will be tagged with a Major Show tag and weighed for information only on date determined for Major Show tagging.
4. All entries will be identified by ear tag. Should a steer lose its ear tag, the Carcass Steer Chairman (Lou Svetlik 361-550-1135) must be notified within 24 hours. Failure to promptly notify of tag loss or any evidence of ear tag tampering will disqualify the animal from the carcass contest.
5. Weighing of animals will begin at 5:30AM. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 6AM.** Minimum weight for check-in is 950 lbs.
6. All animals must be de-horned or have loose horn scurs less than 1 inch in length. All steers must be halter-broken, clean for evaluation, and manageable by the exhibitor. Any unmanageable steers will be removed by the exhibitor.
7. Steers will be evaluated at 6:15AM and at the judge's discretion, will be slaughtered and entered in the carcass evaluation contest.
8. The meat specialists check the validity of the steer carcass ages by standard bone and lean evaluation procedures. Steers exceeding a maximum of 900 lb. warm carcass weight will be disqualified from placing and ineligible to be sold in the VLS auction.
9. Steer carcasses will be ribbed between the 12th and 13th ribs. The judge will examine and record the following data in determining the carcasses USDA Yield Grade:

WARM CARCASS WEIGHT (LBS)
RIBEYE AREA (SQ. IN.)
KIDNEY, PELVIC & HEART FAT (%)
FAT THICKNESS OPPOSITE RIBEYE (IN.)
PRELIMINARY YIELD GRADE (Based on estimate of overall fat cover)
Yield Grade will be calculated using the following formula:
$$\text{USDA Yield Grade} = 2.50 + (2.5 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches}) + (0.20 \times \% \text{ kidney, pelvic \& heart fat}) + (0.0038 \times \text{warm carcass weight, lbs.}) - (0.32 \times \text{rib eye area, square inches}).$$
10. The judge will determine carcass Quality Grade with the following categories:
PRIME (PR+, PR, PR-)
CHOICE (CH+, CH, CH-)
SELECT (SE+, SE, SE-)
STANDARD (STD+, STD-)
11. Any STANDARD Quality Grade steers will be disqualified from placing and will not sell in the VLS auction. Exhibitors will be notified prior to the contest placing.

12. Carcasses exhibiting the following deficiencies in the judges' discretion will be subject to applied adjustments for appropriate order of placing:
DEFICIENCY
 CARCASS WT < 550 LBS
 RIBEYE FAT THICKNESS < .25 IN.
 "DARK CUTTER" APPEARANCE

13. The judge will place all qualified carcasses and rank them by accepted beef industry standards used in determining individual carcass value. The most desirable carcasses will exhibit the following:
 Quality and Yield Grade characteristics:

<u>QUALITY GRADE</u>	<u>YIELDGRADE</u>
PRIME	<4.0
CHOICE	<3.5
SELECT	<3.0

14. Steers will be transported to Sam Kane Beef Processing facility in Corpus Christi and processed under the direction of Victoria Livestock Show management.

15. Following the steer carcass evaluation, the top seven (1st thru 7th place) placing carcasses will be transported to Harwell's Custom Processing for final disposition through the VLS Auction proceedings, or as determined by an exhibitor that also places a live animal eligible for the VLS Auction (see #11, VLS Auction Rules).

16. Carcasses placing 8th place and below (those other than the top seven) which are eligible for the VLS Auction per VLS Auction determination procedures, will be sold in the VLS Auction as "resale" only, as these carcasses have final disposition through Sam Kane facility at fair market value, agreeable to show management.

17. Those carcasses below 7th place and not eligible for the VLS Auction will not be available to the exhibitor due to no local storage and processing facilities being available. These carcasses will have final disposition through Sam Kane Beef Processors and sold through their facility at reasonable value for the beef market conditions at the time of the show, per agreement by VLS management, payable to VLS.

18. Exhibitors will receive checks from VLS for all carcasses below 7th place not sold through the VLS Auction equal to the amount received as fair market value from Sam Kane. No carcasses below 7th place are available to the exhibitor as these carcasses are shipped from Sam Kane per normal business and USDA beef storage restrictions within 72 hours following processing.

19. All 1st thru 7th place steers not sold through the VLS Auction are the responsibility of the exhibitor for disposition through Harwell's Custom Processing, 575-5120.

20. All correspondence with Sam Kane Beef Processors concerning any carcass entered into the VLS Carcass Steer competition will be directed through VLS management.

For additional information contact:
 Carcass Steer Chairman - Lou Svetlik
 Phone: 361-576-1037 or 361-550-1135

CARCASS HOG RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Entry fees must be paid online. Hogs desired to be entered only in the carcass division must be brought in, and the ear tag number must be listed on the nomination form. Hogs that are double entered (carcass & market) are required to be brought in for market show nomination.
3. All entries will be identified by a Victoria Livestock Show ear tag. Ear tags number MUST be clean and readable at weigh in. Hogs without an ear tag will not be unloaded from trailer at weigh-in. The Carcass Hog Chairman must be notified within 24 hours should a hog lose its ear tag. Failure to do so will eliminate the hog from the carcass show. Contact A J Buchhorn at 361-5723489.
4. See schedule for entry time and date. Barrows and gilts will be evaluated. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. Minimum weight is 230 pounds and maximum weight is 280 pounds. Any re-weigh of an animal must be called for immediately. For re-weigh see General Rules pg. 10 or Sifting Rules pg. 15. Unsound and stress symptom hogs will be sifted.
6. Only the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be brought back to the VLS. All buyers at the VLS Auction and exhibitors that are not eligible for the auction will receive resale checks only.
7. All ear tags must be clean and readable at weigh-in.
8. The objective of the carcass hog contest is to select the kind of carcass that is desirable to all segments of the meat industry. Therefore, carcasses eligible for placing must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - A) Processor to remove the head before weight is taken. The warm carcass weight minimum/maximum shall be 167/229 pounds. This is based on pork processor Hormel's 2010 buyer's grid
 - B) USDA Grade #1 hogs
 - C) Minimum carcass length, 29.5 inches
 - D) Minimum average carcass back fat thickness, .7 inch
 - E) Maximum back fat thickness at the last rib, 1 . 2 4 inches
 - F) Minimum carcass muscling score of 2.0 as illustrated in the 2002 Pork Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures (NPPC, Des Moines, IA).

Carcasses will be evaluated for meat quality by visually appraising the loin muscle, color, marbling, and firmness as well as other abnormalities (soft and oily fat; pale, soft and watery lean; dark, firm and dry lean). Carcasses failing to meet two or more of the acceptable range requirements as outlined on the current Pork Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures (NPPC, Des Moines, IA) will be disqualified for placing.

Carcasses meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated for the percentage of fat-free lean by the following National Pork Producers Council formula: Percentage of fat-free lean equals $[(8.588 - (21.896 \times \text{the 10th rib fat depth, in.}) + (3.005 \times 10\text{th rib loin muscle area, in}^2) + (0.465 \times \text{warm carcass weight, lbs.})] / \text{warm carcass weight, lbs.}] \times 100$.

Carcasses will be ranked on percentage of fat-free lean. Final carcass placing will be made at the discretion of the carcass judge based on overall carcass merit.

9. An exhibitor can nominate as many carcass hogs as they want as long as each animal has a signed entry card and is tagged to a specific family.

For additional information contact:

Carcass Hog Chairman - A J Buchhorn

Phone: 361-572-3489 or Cell: 361-550-6507

CARCASS LAMB RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Entry fees must be paid online.
3. All entries will be identified by a VLS ear tag and tattoo. The Carcass Lamb Chairman must be notified within 24 hours should a lamb lose its ear tag. Failure to do so will eliminate the lamb from the carcass show. Contact Jerry Leita at (361) 550-3319.
4. All sexually intact female lambs must have an official USDA Scrapie Eradication Identification ear tag.
5. See schedule for date and time for entries to weigh-in. Wether and ewe lambs will be eligible. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. Lambs must weigh 90 lbs. minimum to 135 lbs. maximum. They must be shorn to $\frac{1}{4}$ " of wool or less.
7. Lambs will be evaluated at 6:00AM.
8. The objective of the carcass lamb contest is to select the kind of carcass that is acceptable to all segments of the meat industry. The judge will place the carcasses on the basis of quantitative yield of the preferred cuts, quality of the carcass, size of the rib eye and thickness and completeness of subcutaneous fat cover.
9. The ideal lamb carcass:
 - A) Has a bright, attractive color of lean.
 - B) Has a quality of USDA Choice.
 - C) Has large rib eye.
 - D) Is at least slightly, but completely covered with external (subcutaneous) fat.
 - E) Has a minimum fat thickness over the center of the rib eye of .10 inch and maximum of .25 inch.
10. All carcasses will be ribbed between the 12th and 13th ribs according to the approved practice established by the American Meat Science Association. The rib eye area and thickness of fat over the center of the rib eye will be measured. The rib eye muscle will be evaluated for marbling, color, firmness, and texture.
11. Carcasses must have 0.10 inch - 0.25-inch fat over the rib eye and must grade U.S. Low Choice or better to be eligible for placing.
12. Lambs with a maximum warm weight exceeding 80 lbs. will be disqualified.
13. Carcass lambs will be placed based on the following two formulas:
 - A) Yield Grade = $0.4 + (10 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches})$
 - B) % Boneless closely trimmed retail cuts = $49.936 - (0.0848 \times \text{warm carcass weight, lbs.}) - (4.376 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches}) - (3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches}) + (2.456 \times \text{rib eye area, square inches})$
14. The Grand and Reserve Champion Carcasses will be brought to VLS and hung in the carcass cooler as in the past.

15. All buyers at the VLS Auction and any exhibitors that do not make the sale will receive resale checks only.

For additional information contact:
Carcass Lamb Chairman – Jerry Leita
(361) 550-3319

BREEDING DIVISION RULES

1. Read General Rules.
2. Individual entry cards must be submitted for the Junior Heifer Show, Sweepstakes Heifer Show, and the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.

JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW

1. The Junior Breeding Heifer Show will be a Texas Junior Livestock Association (TJLA) sanctioned show. Entries will be taken on the day of the show during check-in.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules of the livestock show except where they conflict with the special rules in this division. In such cases the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. No heifers older than 9-1-2015 are eligible to show.
4. Entry fees of \$20.00 per head, per ring. There will be no late fee charged.
5. Junior heifers must be registered in the records of their respective breed association in the name of the exhibitor. Original junior heifer registration papers must be presented at time of registration. No bill of sale will be accepted. Copies of scramble heifer registration papers will be accepted.
6. This is a Blow & Go Show. No trim chutes allowed. Generators welcome, but must be set outside of the barn in compliance with the fire code.
7. One animal constitutes a breed and classes will be determined at the discretion of the Chairman.
8. Junior breeding heifer entries may arrive Friday evening, but must arrive by 9AM on Saturday.
9. Check in time is Saturday, by 9:00AM. Heifers will be released after the show Saturday.

For additional information contact:

Junior Heifer Show Chairman – George Hood

Phone: 361-935-1208

SWEEPSTAKES HEIFER SHOW

1. There will be an entry fee of \$35.00 per head and must be paid online. See page 9.
2. Animals must be registered with the parent breed association. AOB and ABC heifers may be shown if certified by the TCCA and have official TCCA AOB or ABC ear tag and certificate number. Each animal must be registered in the name of the individual exhibitor. Only bona fide members of Victoria County 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters are eligible.
3. All animals must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association on or before November 1, 2017. No Heifers older than 9-1-15.
4. All heifer breed division classes will be set up as follows: There will be a minimum of two heifers per breed division. Breeds with less than two animals will go to American/Brahman or "Other Breeds" division. Number of entries may warrant a division in classes. Classes may then be divided according to age. This decision will be at the discretion of the division Chairman.
5. Grand Champion Heifer Class - Each breed division will be represented by their Champion and Reserve Champion in the Sweepstakes. These heifers will be judged and placed as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Third Place Overall*, Fourth Place Overall*, Fifth Place Overall*, Sixth Place Overall*.
6. Total placing will depend on number of divisions.
7. Banners will be presented to the overall Grand Champion and to the Reserve Grand Champion. One banner to the exhibitor and a like banner to the breeder will be presented.
Premium money will be paid as follows:
Grand Champion Heifer of the Show - 31.25% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$500.00.
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer - 25% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$400.00.
Third Place Heifer - 18.75% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$300.00. Fourth Place Heifer - 12.5% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$200.00. Fifth Place Heifer - 6.25% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$100.00. Sixth Place Heifer - 6.25% of the premium money raised not to exceed the sum of \$100.00.
8. Any entry that becomes unruly or creates a disturbance in the show ring will immediately be excused at the discretion and instruction of the ring steward and will not be eligible to compete.
9. All Sweepstakes Heifers must arrive on Thursday, between 10:30AM and 11:30AM. Heifers will be released Saturday, see schedule for times.
10. The Sweepstakes Heifer Show will be at 10:00AM on Friday.
11. All trim chutes must be removed Friday by noon.

For additional information contact:
Sweepstakes Heifer Show Chairman - Susan Hempel
Phone: 361-649-6960

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, breeding, exhibition, and marketing of crossbred beef heifers.

This project is not part of the Junior Livestock Auction Division. Therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as the Junior Livestock auction. However, exhibitors must abide by the General Junior Livestock Rules.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by Victoria County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.
2. The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in any other Junior Beef Heifer Show of the Victoria Livestock Show.
3. A maximum of three (3) head may be tagged in. Each exhibitor may tag in one alternate heifer; only two head will be allowed to compete in the show and sale. If a heifer is unable to compete and the exhibitor has only one (1) remaining heifer, that single heifer will be able to sell in the sale, but will be ineligible to compete for awards or prize money. In the event that there are in excess of 100 entries in the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to sift single entries.
4. All junior commercial heifer entries will be tagged at Briggs Ranch, see schedule for date and time. Each exhibitor must register on-line and pay the entry fee of \$45.00 per pen. Each exhibitor is limited to one pen of heifers.
5. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated by the initial tag in. They must have a legible brucellosis calfhood vaccination tattoo.
6. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the tag-in date.
7. Exhibitor must own heifers 100% throughout the feeding period starting on the initial tag-in date.
8. Heifers will be checked in for the Victoria Livestock Show on Thursday, from 10AM to 12:00 noon at the Victoria Livestock Show Pavilion.
9. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission Rules governing entry into Victoria County Livestock Show grounds.
10. Judging Guidelines and Selection for heifers:

(a) Quality, confirmation and condition	30 pts
(b) Structural soundness	15 pts
(c) Frame size for age	15 pts
(d) Reproductive soundness	10 pts
(e) Area adaptability	10 pts
(f) Uniformity	10 pts
(g) Temperament	5 pts
(h) Presentation of project	5 pts

11. Premiums will be established by the Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale committee. Prize money will be awarded according to monies available for judging animals and record books. Premium money will generally be paid 75% toward animal placing and 25% toward record books.
12. All heifers that pass sifting and grading must sell on Saturday, at 3PM. Buyers will make a check to Victoria Livestock Show for the total of all heifers purchased.
13. VLS will make a check payable to the exhibitors for sale price of heifers plus a refund of the \$45.00 entry fee, less the 6% commission fee and less the \$2.00/head Beef Check-Off fee. All checks will be mailed approximately 10 days after the sale.
14. All heifers will be released Sunday, between 8AM and 10AM.
15. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Victoria Livestock Show Board.
16. All heifers entered in this program and sold, remain the property of the exhibitor until leaving the show grounds.
17. There will be no harassment of the judges, committees, or show board prior to, during, or after the sale.
18. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Victoria County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rules pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will have their entire family banned for a period of one year to lifetime from exhibition in the program per the Commercial Heifer Committee's discretion.
19. Heifer Classes:

Class I – Spring born

1/1/17 to 3/31/17 Heifers must be open on the day of Commercial Heifer Show check-in.

Class II – Fall Females

7/1/16 to 12/31/16 May be exposed no earlier than November 15, 2017.

Heifer can be no more than 120 days pregnant at the day of the Commercial Heifer Show check-in.

Class III – Spring born 2 years old

1/1/16 to 6/30/16 Entries must have calf at side or be palpated safe in calf.

Champions from Classes I, II, and III will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show. Judging results will be announced Friday, at 6:30PM prior to the steer show.

20. Record books are mandatory for all exhibitors and are due at check-in at the Victoria Livestock Show.

(a)	Cost, calculations and breakdown	25 pts
(b)	Creativity	25 pts
(c)	Neatness and form	25 pts
(d)	Summaries	25 pts

For additional information contact:
Commercial Heifer Chairman - Joe Jones
Phone: 361-550-0994

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT SHOW

1. All entries and awards in this department will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in the Rule Book.
2. An exhibitor may enter no more than one gilt per individual class.
3. The Junior Breeding Gilt Show will consist of Breed classifications as justified, Other Pure Breed classes will be divided as needed and Commercial gilts.
 - A) Six (6) gilts will be needed to make a Breed Classification, based on entries.
 - B) Breeds represented by less than six (6) gilts will be combined as O.P.B.
 - C) If needed, O.P.B.s could be split into White and Dark Breeds.
 - D) Large classes may be split into equal sub-classes.
 - E) A statement from the breeder indicating the birth date of the gilt is needed for commercial gilts. The original or copy of registry paper is required for all pure breeds.
4. Commercial gilts are not eligible to compete for grand and reserve champion of the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.
5. Any gilt which is not registered in the name of the exhibitor prior to schedule deadline will be assigned to the commercial class. No fresh ear notches will be permitted. Ear notches not matching papers will be assigned to the commercial class.
6. Registration papers for pure breeds are due schedule date.
7. Fee is \$30.00 per entry.
8. Health requirements will be under current regulations of the Texas Animal Commission.
9. Gilts will check in with breeding papers from 10AM-11AM on Friday. Release time will be Sunday, between 1PM-2PM. Premium checks will be handed out at 12:30PM before release.
10. Junior breeding gilt judging will be Saturday at 1PM. Exhibitors need to be in the bleachers at 12:30 minutes before the show.
11. Premiums will be paid as money allows.
12. Any exhibitor not in their pen during sweepstakes judging will forfeit all monies won.
13. Sweepstake maximums will be \$500.00 Grand Champion will be paid out \$1250.00 for the 2018 year (only pure breed for grand and reserve). Additional places will be paid as money is available.
14. Commercial gilts will be eligible for all awards from third place down.
15. An exhibitor may be awarded no more than one sweepstake money.
16. Donated gilts are to be shown the following year unless released by the donor.

17. All entries for Junior Breeding Gilt show must be entered on line just like the market hog. See schedule for deadline. Please mail pure breed registration papers to Chairman with it being postdated for February 10, 2018.
18. Gilts must be clean and clipped upon arrival. No clipping allowed on show grounds.
19. Animals need to be cared for twice daily. Do not feed during the show.
20. No dressings except water may be used on the gilts.
21. Only water dispensers during the show. All feed pans need to be out of the pens ten minutes prior to the show.
22. ONLY exhibitors and Chairman Committee in the pens during the show.
23. All 4-H and FFA can elect one team leader from each club to help with getting water etc., if needed during the show. Please have all spectators watch the show from the bleachers.
24. Each exhibitor must turn in 3 Thank You notes to send to our donors per entry. Exhibitors will not receive their premium check until all three Thank You notes have been turned in. Thank You notes are due on Sunday prior to release time. Please leave envelopes unsealed and nothing written on the front of the envelope. Chairman will be mailing these Thank You notes to all donors for the Jr. Breeding Gilt Show.
25. When mailing Pure Breed Registration Paperwork, you can mail copies, however you will need to bring the original when checking in on Friday. Mail paperwork to: Amanda Davis, 207 Dundee St., Victoria, TX 77904

For additional information contact:

Junior Breeding Gilt Chairman - Amanda Davis

Cell - 361-550-0917

Please leave a message when calling or you can send a text message.

Email: amanda.davis63@hotmail.com or amanda.davis@visd.net

BREEDING RABBIT SHOW

1. The Victoria Livestock Show will hold a Project Show open to all Victoria County 4-H/FFA Members currently registered in the Market Rabbit Division of the Victoria Livestock show on Thursday. Check in at 9AM. Judging will be promptly at 9:30AM. The show is being held so that the market rabbit division participants can further evaluate their breeding stock. This will be a carrying cage show only, no cooping will be provided. Cash or check (made payable to Victoria Livestock Show) at the time of the show.
2. All General Rules of the Victoria Livestock show will apply to this show.
3. All Market Rabbit show rules will apply as applicable, to participating in this show.
4. Breeds will be judged individually by breed standards specific to that breed. All ABRA rules standards will apply for Breeding Show except for rules pertaining to SMUT on the breeding stock.
5. Immediately after the conclusion of the show all rabbits in the breeding rabbit show must be removed from the show grounds.

For additional information contact:

Market Rabbit Chairman - Becky Kuecker

361-648-6736 Cell

361-575-6701 Home

PONY SHOW RULES

1. As a minimum requirement, all ponies 50" and under, must be serviceably sound for show purposes. A regulation measuring stick is available for any questions on the height of any pony. Measurement is at withers. Any pony showing evidence of lameness, deformity in feet, broken wind or complete loss of sight in either or both eyes shall be disqualified.
2. Ponies may be of any color, either solid or mixed. No color is preferred, nor is any color to be considered undesirable, nor should discrimination be made because of the color of the eyes, such as glass, witch hazel, or blue.
3. Ponies should be neatly trimmed, well groomed, and **attractively presented to their breed standard** in the show ring. Ponies must have a full mane and tail with a bridle path.
4. Any handler found to be abusing an animal or any exhibitor found to be disruptive to the show procedures in or out of the ring is to be automatically excused from the show along with the animal. Any animal endangering another animal or exhibitor will be excused from the ring by the judge, ring steward or Pony Chairman.
5. All parents and exhibitors must sign a code of conduct at the time of entry in order to show in the Victoria Livestock Show Pony Show.
6. The Pony Chairman or Assistants will be fully responsible for the interpretation and adherence to the show rules. The Chairman will have the authority to make any decisions relative to these rules and policies. The Chairman will have the full authority to disqualify an entry who fails to conform to the policies and rules.
7. This is a **youth only show. NO stallions allowed at the Victoria Livestock show.** Exhibitors 6 and under should be accompanied by an assistant. An assistant for the 8-12 year olds can be used as needed. The assistant is to let the exhibitor work and set up the pony on their own. No assistant is allowed to hold the pony unless the pony becomes unruly.
8. Entry forms should carry the year of birth of each pony using January 1st as the birthday. The exhibitor's ages are to be as of January 1st of the current year.
9. Entries must be made online, see schedule for dates. The entry fee is \$25.00 a pony/handler. Each additional handler is \$5. Late fees will be charged for late entries according to General Rules.
10. A pony currently involved with or supervised by a person should not be judged by that individual.
11. There will be no riding or exercising inside the arena or show barn at any club show except at designated times.
12. Any 4-H or FFA member **actually having a pony project** may enter any of all classes. 4-H and FFA project ponies must be owned by the exhibitor and be listed as a project within a 4-H club.
13. All ponies must have a current Coggins and the Coggins must be shown at check-in.

14. For showmanship, the exhibitor must wear long sleeved shirt, jeans, hat, boots, belt and neckwear. And hair should be neatly pulled back out of the face.
15. In all speed events, the exhibitor can show in lead line or in-hand, but cannot cross enter between the classes.
16. In the trail and jumping classes the exhibitor can only show one pony per class. No multiple entries allowed in the in-hand performance classes.
17. Deadline is limited to anyone 6 and under only.
18. We will offer "Cool" classes for the physically/mentally handicap youth of the community.
19. No refunds for entries will be made unless you have a veterinarian's release.
20. There will be a 2-minute gate call. After the last call, you will not be allowed to enter the ring with your pony. The announcer times and makes the call.
21. If a tack or pony change is needed, please make sure the gate attendant is aware so that a hold can be put on the class.
22. You do not have to be a member to show. But in order to receive points towards the end of the year awards, you must be a current member in good standing and also turn in your sponsorship by the deadline date.

For additional information contact:
Pony Chairman - Shelly Milberger
Phone: 361-788-3887

COUNTY FAIR

1. All general rules of the Victoria Livestock Show will apply to this division.
2. Registration:
 - a. Wednesday, see schedule for date and time.
 - b. There will be no pre-registration.
 - c. Judging will be Thursday, see schedule for date and time.
 - d. **NO ONE** other than the judges and approved leaders will be allowed in the exhibit area during the time exhibits are being judged. All doors will be locked.
 - e. Exhibits will open to the public Thursday, 1PM-7PM, Friday, 10AM-7PM. Saturday, 10AM-Noon.
 - f. All those who have placed Best of Show, Grand, or Reserve and have consented to sell their items in the Silent Auction will be placed in the auction area of the Jaycee Hall on Friday. Silent Auction will end at noon on Saturday. **Minimums bids will be placed on all entries for silent auction and proceeds will go to exhibitor.**
 - g. All entries must be picked up Saturday, by noon. ALL ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY NOON WILL BE DISPOSED OF UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH CHAIRPERSON.
3. Entry is open to any resident of Victoria County. Entry must have been made since the 2017 Livestock Show and must be the work of the entrant.
4. A person may enter a total of five (5) items per division, but only one item per class. Divisions are:
 - a. Art
Photography
 - b. Crafts &
Horticulture
Clothing &
Handiwork Foods
 - c. Educational Exhibits
5. The categories for competition will be as follows:
 - a. Just For Fun Pre-K2-4, K, 1st & 2nd graders (not judged competitively)
 - b. Junior Ages 8-10
 - c. Intermediate Ages 11-13
 - d. Senior Ages 14-18
 - e. Adult Over 18
6. Entry fees:
 - a. Just For Fun - No entry fee
 - b. Per Exhibitor - \$3 entry fee per item
entered School Groups - \$25 per group
7. Each item in a class will receive a Blue, Red or White quality of work ribbon. In each division, a Grand and Reserve Champion item will be named in each respective age group. All Grand Champion items will then be judged for a "Best of Show" named for each age group. **Top awards winner's projects will be auctioned off in Silent Auction. Minimums bids will be placed on all entries for silent auction, proceeds will go to exhibitor.**

8. Each article must be labeled with an entry card (Name, age of exhibitor and identification) provided at check-in and accompanied with a Summary Sheet.
9. Please see each Division for specific rules.

ARTS DIVISION

All artwork must be completed by entrant. Art may be matted, but use of frames or glass is prohibited. Please bring art unframed.

Class

1. Painting

- a. Oil
- b. Acrylics
- c. Watercolor
- d. Mixed Media

2. Drawing

- a. Pencil
- b. Pen & Ink
- c. Charcoal
- d. Pastels
- e. Crayon
- f. Mixed Media

3. Sculpture / Hand Arts

- a. Clay Sculpture
- b. Scratch Board
- c. Mixed Media
- d. Other

4. Coloring on Pre-printed Paper

- a. Crayons
- b. Markers
- c. Watercolors
- d. Mixed Media

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Only entries of single photographs will be accepted (no collages). Pictures may be taken with any camera. Entries must be mounted on photographic mount board, thin foam board, or commercial mat. All photos must be 8"x10" (excluding mat if used). Use of frames or glass is prohibited. Class is determined by focal point of picture.

Class

1. People

- a. Color
- b. Black & White

2. Animals

- a. Color

- b. Black & White
- 3. Natural Landscape
 - a. Color
 - b. Black & White
- 4. Plant / Flora
 - a. Color
 - b. Black & White
- 5. Still Life
 - a. Color
 - b. Black & White
- 6. Special Effects (any photo that has been enhanced to bring out dramatic or artistic qualities; these enhancements can occur using the camera or developing process. Antiquing, hand-tinting, and sepia-tone photos would be entered in this class). Note: Does not include the simple conversion of a color photo to black and white.
- 7. Themed – Victoria Livestock Show (photo related to any aspect of the Victoria Livestock Show such as the parade, Queen’s pageant, livestock projects, etc.)

CLOTHING & HANDWORK DIVISION

All garments and accessories must be home-sewn by the exhibitor. All articles must be brought to check- in on hangers and fastened securely. All garments and accessories must be clean. All garments and accessories must be finished and ready for wear/use. All quilts and quilted articles may not be commercially quilted.

Class

- 1. Clothing
 - Includes: Blouse, Coat/Jacket, Dresses, Skirts, Pants or Shorts, Tailored Dress, Tailored Suit, Skirt/Blouse, Ensemble, Split Skirts, Vest, Other
- 2. Accessories
 - Includes: Belts, Bags, Hats, Purses, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Other
- 3. Home Accessories
 - Includes: Pillows, Aprons, Pot Holders, Appliance Covers, Placemats (set of 4), Napkins (set of 4), Table Cloth, Casserole Carriers, Other
- 4. Quilting
 - a. Machine
 - b. Hand
- 5. Crochet
 - Includes: Pillows, Bedcovering, Home Accessories, Clothing Accessories, Other
- 6. Knitting
 - Includes: Bedcovering, Home Accessories, Clothing Accessories, Clothing, Other
- 7. Needlepoint

8. Latch Hook

9. Cross Stitch

CRAFTS & HORTICULTURE DIVISION

All work must be that of the entrant. All articles must be finished and ready to use. Some classes may include fabric and/or fiber. All potted plants must be in exhibitor's care at least 90 days prior to check-in. All potted plants, including hanging baskets, must have saucers underneath for watering purposes. All plants should be clean with dead foliage removed and in clean, proper containers.
Class

Class

1. Artistic Arrangement

Includes: Fresh Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables; Artificial Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables; Special Arrangements, Dried Arrangements, Wreaths

2. Handicrafts – Kit

Includes: Dolls, Decorations, Toys, Pictures, Glass crafts, Home Accessories, Other

3. Handicrafts – Creative

Includes: Dolls, Decorations, Toys, Pictures, Glass crafts, Home Accessories, Other

4. Hand Arts

Includes: Electricity, Leather Crafts, Metal Work, Plastic, Wood, Other

FOOD DIVISION

Recipe must accompany all food entries. Please put contestant name on back of recipe card.

Baked products (cakes, pies, breads) must be brought in whole and in/on disposable containers (paper, cardboard, plastic or foil only). Brownies, cookies, candies must be brought as a sample of **six (6)**. No baked products or candies that require refrigeration will be accepted. All canned products must be in standard jars, pint or quart. **Two (2) jars need to be submitted one for tasting and one for display.**

Canned products will be disqualified if exhibited in mayonnaise, coffee, or any other jar that is not a standard canning jar. All canned product jars must be clean and un-chipped with new lids and rings. All canned products must be sealed with only one lid. The use of paraffin is prohibited.

Class

1. Decorated Items (cakes, cookies, cake pops)

2. Homemade Cakes

Includes: Bundt, Layered, Sheet, Other

3. Convenience Desserts (box mix/modified cakes, cookies, brownies) Includes: Bundt, Layered, Sheet,

4. Other Pies Includes: Fruit, Cobblers, Nuts, Other

5. Homemade Cookies

6. Homemade Brownies

7. Bread – Yeast

Includes: Loaf, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee Cake, Rolls, Strudels, Other

8. Bread – Quick Includes: Loaf, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee Cake, Rolls, Muffins, Other

9. Candies

10. Canned Foods

a. Canned Vegetables, Pickles, Relishes, Fruit

b. Preserves, Jam, Jelly, Marmalade

11. Dried Meats

Includes: Jerky, Sausage, Other

12. Snack Mix / Trail Mix

13. Beverage

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

All must be the work of the entrant.

Class

1. 4-H Exhibits

2. Science Fair Projects

3. Books / Scrapbooks

For additional information contact:

County Fair Chairman - Traci Shadle

Phone: 361-218-6101 or ttraciann@yahoo.com

County Fair Co-Chairman – Michelle Laserre

Phone: 210-347-2310

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

See Schedule for deadline, check-in, judging and release dates and times.

1. Exhibitors may enter as many projects as they desire. On group projects, the group should consist of a majority of Victoria County residents.
2. All projects must be the work of the exhibitor. A project must have been constructed between the date of the previous year's show and the date of check-in. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Victoria Livestock Show.
3. All projects must be painted and properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
4. An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction and a bill of materials are required with each project and must be properly displayed.
5. Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury. Heavy BBQ pit lids or doors must be secured open to prevent possible injury.
6. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the VLS Board of Directors nor the officials of this Division will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.
7. The standards for judging will be as follows:
 - a. Workmanship 30 points
 - b. Variety of skills performed 30 points
 - c. Design and materials used 10 points
 - d. Degree of difficulty 10 points
 - e. Desired finish 10 points
 - f. Plans, photos, bills/materials 10 points
8. There will be four classes for projects and the Chairman of the Ag Mechanics division will make the decision as to which class the project belongs.
 - Class I – Metal working projects (at least 60% of the skills and construction time spent building the project involved metal working skills)
 - Class II – Woodworking Projects (at least 60% of the skills and construction time spent building the project involved wood working skills)
 - Class III – Other
 - Class IV – Tractor Restoration
9. Only the judge and show officials will be allowed in the exhibit area during the time the exhibits are being judged.
10. Prize money will be paid for class placing as available. The first and second places in each class will compete for grand and reserve champion of the show for additional prizes.
11. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA or 4-H members, either as part of their school, 4-H or home project. All exhibitors must follow U.I.L. regulations. Victoria Livestock Show will provide a standard exhibitors name tag for the projects related to the shop division.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per project entered. Mail entries to:

Troy Koenig
808 Nickel Rd.
Inez, TX 77968

12. Junior projects can be shown in either the Agricultural Mechanics or Youth Fair but not in both.

13. Projects will not be released from the VLS grounds without a proper release form.

For additional information contact:

Ag Mechanics Chairman - Troy Koenig
Phone: 361-648-7685

4-H / FFA YOUTH AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

All Grand and Reserve Champion winners, Showmanship winners,
and Scholarship recipients, please attend.

Scholarships

One Walt Gillig Memorial Scholarship - \$1500.00
One Dan McCue Memorial Scholarship - \$1500.00
One Dennis Williams Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00
One Francis Obsta Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00
One Dr. C.D. and Audrey Barret Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
Six Victoria Livestock Show Scholarships - \$1000.00 each
One Mark Scherer Scholarship – \$1500.00
One Dace Brandt Scholarship – \$1500.00

Applications are available from the Victoria County Extension office or from your Agriculture Science Teacher and will also be posted on the Victoria Livestock Show website.
(www.victorialivestockshow.com)

See Schedule for Scholarship Application Deadline

**Additional scholarships may be awarded as money becomes available.

Showmanship

Senior Division Ages 14 & over
Junior Division Ages 8-13 yrs.
Ages are as of August 31, 2017.

Senior Division Showmanship and Junior Division Showmanship will be awarded in the Market Show (Rabbit, Broiler, Hog, Lamb, Goat, and Steer divisions), the Heifer Sweepstakes Show, and the Junior Breeding Gilt Show. The showmanship judge may select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (judge's discretion).

Premiums:

1st place - guaranteed \$100.00 (+ belt buckle)
2nd place - guaranteed \$50.00
3rd place - guaranteed \$25.00

Three of the showmanship awards are presented in special memory as follows:

The Mark Scherer Memorial Steer Senior Showmanship
The Louis Wedemeir Memorial Hog Senior Showmanship
The Bob Weisiger Memorial Lamb Senior Showmanship

Other awards presented:

Pete Gorham Memorial Award (hardest working Bloomington FFA senior)
David Anderle Memorial Award (Bloomington FFA Greenhand hard worker)
Audrey Barrett Memorial Sportsmanship
Emil Waida Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Scholarship Chairman - Nadine VanBeveren
Phone: 361-550-9931

Awards Chairman – Jackie Parsons
Phone: 361-550-8586