

Official Rule Book

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

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GENERAL RULES

1. Junior exhibitors will be limited to youth in good standing with their 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters. 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 12th – March 1st) 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, 2026 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31, 2026.

2. **All entries for the Victoria Livestock Show must be made online at www.victorialivestockshow.com. The website will be available October 1, 2026 thru December 9, 2026. ENTRIES MADE ONLINE DECEMBER 10-31 WILL BE CHARGED A $250 LATE FEE. LATE ENTRIES FROM JANUARY 1-15, 2027 WILL BE ASSESSED A $500 FEE.**
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 limited in their eligibility to sell a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in the Market or Carcass divisions based on a point system. Two (2) points will be tallied for Grand and one (1) point will be tallied for Reserve Grand. Over the exhibitor's show career, he/she will no longer be able to show in the division in which he/she reaches a total of seven (7) points. This rule will be retro-active to the 2013 Victoria Livestock Show.

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. Be mindful of Camp Sizes in Show Box / Stall areas. Keep walkways / aisles clear and open ingress / egress.
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 not meeting minimum weight or those exceeding maximum weight 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 poultry or any combination of these in both market and carcass divisions. Rabbits, goats, and poultry 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. 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 online entry and a fee must be submitted for each Market Division entered. Junior exhibitors may sell only one entry in the Auction.

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 throughout the show.

See complete sale rules on page 18.

12. Exhibitors **must** furnish bedding for all animals except for broilers.

13. No awards from other shows will be exhibited on pens and stalls.

14. No advertising or promotional materials other than school, 4H or FFA materials will be permitted in pen or stalling areas. Exceptions are official show sponsors with prior approval.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Closing time – Wednesday – Saturday 11PM till 5AM, Sunday 9PM – 5AM. No exhibitor, parent, or unauthorized person may remain in barn.

19. 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.

20. No animal may be removed from the grounds without a special release signed by the Chairman of that division.

21. 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.

22. **DISPOSITION**
Victoria Livestock show is a Premium only show, the exhibitor retains ownership of all animals. All market animals will be taken home by the exhibitor regardless if the market animal makes the sale or does not make the sale. The exhibitor will be given a sale lot, if earned, and the monies received at the auction will be for a premium only, no market animal meat is available for the buyer on auction night.
If the animal makes the sale or does not, all exhibitors are responsible for their animal until the time and date of release for their breed and division.
Victoria Livestock Show will sell all Hog and Lamb carcasses for fair market value and those exhibitors will receive those monies as part of their Auction check.
Carcass Steer exhibitors placing 1st - 15th with an eligible sale lot may elect to have their meat available in the auction without a re-sale value. Auction buyers must coordinate with the Carcass Steer exhibitor for the disposition of the available meat. Any Carcass Steer exhibitor placing 1st -15th who does not elect to have their meat available is responsible for the disposition of the meat with the processor.

23. No scales other than the official ones are allowed in the barn. Scales in the barn are for official use only.

24. Illegal Use of Drugs in Animals
Exhibitors must ensure 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.

25. Any unruly animals may be sifted at the discretion of the officials at any time during the show.

26. No cell phones will be allowed in the show ring.

27. 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/

28. Tuesday of the show:
Show Boxes & Tack Setup Main Barn & Pole Barn 6PM-9PM
Barns open Wednesday @ 7AM

29. NO unloading in Pole Barn on Wednesday from 3PM – 5PM (while hogs are unloading).

30. NO GLASS BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN SHOW BARNS.

31. Only Service Animals are allowed on show grounds. NO PETS.

32. Zero Tolerance for disrespectful behavior, swearing at show officials & security team. Any Exhibitor, Parent or Visitor who acts in this way will be removed for the remainder of show.

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 **MUST** be paid on line at http://www.victorialivestockshow.com. Please check schedule for deadlines.

Market Steers - $35.00 per exhibitor
Market Hogs - $35.00 per exhibitor
Market Lambs - $35.00 per exhibitor
Market Goats - $35.00 per exhibitor
Market Broilers - $35.00 per pen (plus price of chicks to be determined)
Market Turkeys - $35.00 per pen (plus price of poults to be determined)
Market Rabbits - $35.00 per exhibitor
Junior Breeding Gilts - $35.00 per exhibitor
Junior Commercial Heifers - $50.00 per pen
Junior Breeding Heifers - $40.00 per head
Junior Breeding Bulls - $40.00 per head
Carcass Steers - $135.00 per exhibitor
Carcass Hogs - $75.00 per exhibitor
Carcass Lambs - $95.00 per exhibitor
County Fair - $5 per entry
Breeding Rabbits - $7.00 per head
Pony - $30.00 per pony
Breeding Ewes - $35 per head
Breeding Does - $35 per head

An entry card and a fee must be submitted for each Division entered.

SALE RULES

1. The auction will be held Monday at 4:30PM.

2. Sale of a maximum of 250 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 11AM 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. Exhibitors must be in line and ready to take the stage when their number is called. Failure to do so will result in a NO SALE. (NO LIVE ANIMALS WILL BE PRESENTED ON AUCTION NIGHT.)

6. 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.

7. Each exhibitor must be present on the the sale stage unless authorized by show officials to have someone else stand in as a substitute.

8. Halter awards, ribbons and banners may be displayed in the auction stage. An exhibitor may carry a poster sized (22"x28") prop to promote his/her project.

9. No exhibitor can withdraw from the show or sale after the animal is weighed in and accepted for show.

10. An exhibitor can **raise** any number of steers, hogs, lambs, rabbits, goats, broilers, or turkeys or any combination of these in both market and carcass divisions. EXHIBITORS AND THEIR ANIMAL MUST BE JUDGED IN EITHER THE MARKET OR CARCASS DIVISIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL AT THE AUCTION OR RECEIVE ADD-ONS. Broilers, rabbits, goats, and turkeys are not eligible for the carcass division. Exhibitors can raise only 50 broilers. An exhibitor may enter one or more market animal for judging. The entry is limited to one per species. *Exhibitors will still only be eligible for one sale slot.* 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.

    BREEDING DIVISION: Any number of heifers, gilts, ewes, and does may be raised for the breeding divisions. The breeding entries are not eligible for sale on auction night.
    COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION: Exhibitors are eligible to sell one pen of heifers in the commercial heifer sale - this division is not related to the market auction.

11. Sale order will be posted by Saturday. **Any changes/corrections must be reported to the computer room by 11AM Saturday.** The show will not be responsible for any error after that time.

12. VLS will be issuing all Exhibitor checks for the sale price of their market animal, grand or reserve Ag Mechanics projects, and County Fair Best of Show less the 4% commission fee. Checks will be picked up from the Extension Office. Exhibitors will receive via email a copy of the official Buyer Receipt. THIS EMAIL WILL GIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND DATES TO PICK UP CHECKS FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE. All Exhibitors must bring a Thank-You note for each buyer following these criteria set out by the Victoria Fair Board:
    1) All exhibitors must write their own thank you notes. They will deliver at them at the designated time to the Victoria County Extension Office at 528 Waco Circle, Victoria, Texas 77904 in their respective UNSEALED, properly addressed and stamped envelopes.

2) The Extension Agent or other designated extension office personnel will review the exhibitors thank you notes to determine they conform to the criteria as
set out as follows:
A) The note must be handwritten by the exhibitor. They will also be proofread and check handwriting.
B) Computer generated notes or "picture" cards will not be accepted.
C) If it is determined or suspected by the extension office personnel that a parent or other person has written the exhibitor's thank you notes they will not beacc epted and returned to the exhibitor with the expectation that they will be rewritten by the exhibitor and returned again following the criteria above.
If the above criteria are not met, the exhibitor will not receive his or her check. NO EXCEPTIONS!

13. All exhibitors must complete the online form indicating which market or carcass project they intend to sell in the auction within 30 minutes after the last market show. Any exhibitor with a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion of any breed must select that project for the sale. Any exhibitor with two Grand or two Reserve Grand Champion projects may select which project they wish to sell. 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 throughout the show.

14. PLEASE NOTE: Checks not picked up within 90 days will be voided and can be reissued by appointment only. THERE WILL BE A $25 FEE FOR RE-ISSUING ANY EXHIBITOR CHECKS NOT PICKED UP WITHIN 90 DAYS. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO FAILS TO PICK UP AND DEPOSIT THEIR CHECK ON OR BEFORE

SEPTEMBER 1ST FOLLOWING THE VLS AUCTION, THEREBY RELINQUISHES THEIR CHECK TO VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SAID CHECK SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL FUND TO BE USED BY VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW AS THE BOARD SO DETERMINES WITH NO ADDITIONAL RECOURSE BY THE EXHIBITOR. IF AN EXHIBITOR PICKS UP HIS/HER CHECK BUT FAILS TO DEPOSIT THE CHECK ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST, THE ISSUED CHECK WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE FUNDS SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL FUND TO BE USED BY VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW AS THE BOARD SO DETERMINES WITH NO ADDITIONAL RECOURSE BY THE EXHIBITOR.

15. 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.

For additional information contact:
Auction Chairs – Sara and Jeff Perry
Email: auction@victorialivestockshow.com
Phone: 361-648-0021

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. All steers must be ear tagged to compete in the show.

3. All steers to be eligible to show, must be tagged at major show validation in June. Watch for tagging dates and times in the 4-H newsletter or call your chairman/ag teacher. Tagging location will be at the Diebel Cattle Co. on Salem Road.
   NOTE: Tags for major shows must be ordered prior to these tagging dates through the AgriLife Extension Office.

   If an ear tag is lost, you must notify your supervisor immediately to have the calf retagged.
   Stephen Diebel-Market Steer Chairman 361-550-0829.
   Torri McClellan-Extension Agent 361-222-2475

4. At show weigh-in, minimum weight is 1000 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 - Steers must exhibit at least 3/8 Brahman characteristics.
   b. English - Steers must appear to be purebred Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, or Shorthorn.
   c. All Other Breeds – All Steers which do not fall into the above classifications.

6. 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 All-Other-Breeds classification.

7. All steers' hair must be clipped to within one-quarter inch (1/4") except for the tail switch (tail switch being no more than 12-inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail).

8. Hair sifting will take place during Check-in & Sift. Exhibitors not meeting the hair sift will be allowed to remove their animal to a designated clipping area. They must be finished with their clipping and presented to the sifter for re-evaluation and admission to the show. No trim stalls are allowed for steer exhibitors.

9. No steers will be allowed to exercise, or otherwise move through unauthorized areas where commercial cattle or other species are stalled.

10. Drench Guns: Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway and are prohibited on any show grounds. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.

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. *Any unruly animals may be sifted at the discretion of the officials at any time during the show.*

14. See schedule for release time of Non-Sale market steers. 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 – Stephen Diebel
Phone: 361-550-0829
diebelcattle@gmail.com

MARKET HOG RULES

Read General Rules and refer to schedule for any important dates concerning market swine.

There will be five (6) breed classifications (1) Duroc, (2) Hampshire, (3) Yorkshire, (4) Other Pure Breeds, (5) Light Crossbreeds, and (6) Dark Crossbreeds. There will need to be at least 6 to make a breed. 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 with a maximum of 15 per class.

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 –

IDEAL:

1. Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
2. Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape.
3. Erect ears.

ACCEPTABLE:

1. White belt starting on front foot/leg: belt partially encircles body extending to shoulder.
2. Freckling in the belt.

ABSOLUTE INELIGIBLE:

1. White on forehead.
2. White skin extends over the rim of the nose.
3. When mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a quarter (.25) will cover.
4. Belt that extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).
5. Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt.
6. Red hair.
7. Droopy or floppy ears.
8. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

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

LIGHT CROSSBREEDS – Any pigs with white and/or blue only.

DARK CROSSBREEDS – All other colors (i.e. black, red, and sandy). Excluding solid white or blue.

1. 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.

2. Barrows and gilts will be eligible for showing in the above classes.

3. Minimum weight is 230 pounds and maximum weight is 300 pounds. For re-weigh see General Rules or Sifting Rules.

4. 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.

5. No canes or any abusive devices will be allowed for the purpose of showing market hogs.

6. Must have a VLS tag in pig's ear at all times unless the hog is major show tagged. Major Show tags will remain in the pig's ear throughout the show and not be replaced by VLS tag. Ear tags number must be clean and visible.

7. 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.

8. If a hog loses its ear tag, the exhibitor has 24 hours to notify officials to get the tag replaced. Call Bruce Williams or Jennifer Gordon. They 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.

9. Exhibitors must furnish bedding.

10. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals until removed by disposition or disposition representative. Refer to the General Rules Section.

11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for keeping their pen, aisle ways, and walking areas clean. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up manure when animals are out of their pens. Failure to comply could lead to loss of sale slot.

12. Please keep the number of people at your pen during the judging to essential personnel only. This is to help YOU and all other exhibitors get their pigs to and from the show ring.

13. No mats will be allowed in the pens.

14. No spray bottles will be allowed in the holding pens during the show. Spray bottles will be provided for each pen by the Market Hog Committee.

15. By February 1st each exhibitor must let the Chairman know the number of swine they will be bringing. Example: 1 market & 1 breeding or the same animal for both.

16. Showbox and equipment area is limited to 5'x6'. Families with more entries and may require more space may contact show management for more space.

For additional information contact:
Market Hog Chairman – Bruce Williams
Phone: 361-648-1474
Market Hog Chairman – Jennifer Gordon
Phone: 361-935-9110

1. Read General Rules.

2. Only wether and ewe lambs will be eligible.

3. All lambs must be slick shorn (with no indication of blocking) 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.

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. Shearing/clipping will be allowed after check-in and the 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.**

13. Unethical fitting will not be allowed. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the application of any substance to any part of the animal's body. Foreign materials including but not limited to painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, adhesives, cosmetic adjustments (adding hair) are prohibited. Injection drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.

14. Only the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the judging ring.

15. Halters are permitted in the judging ring for use by exhibitors if needed. Cable halters are not allowed.

16. 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. Please be a responsible exhibitor.

17. Pickup manure in aisles and exercise arena when animals are out of pens.

18. Showbox and equipment area is limited to 8'x10'. Families with more entries and may require more space may contact show management for more space. Exhibitors must furnish their own bedding for their lamb while at the show.

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 VLS 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, three Market Broiler Pullets, or a combination of Market Broiler Cockerels and Pullets.

7. Each exhibitor must present their pen of three Market Broilers at the show. The exhibitor is allowed to provide one alternate market broiler at the time of the sift to present to the sift judge if one of the pens 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. The selected Market Poultry judge 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. A poultry committee member will check all wing bands at check-in for number verification purposes.

9. Each exhibitor is required to bring two one-pound coffee containers 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, family members, or friends to hold the birds. 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 daily.

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 during the assigned release time on 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.

For additional information contact:
Market Broilers Chairman – Brad Bethke
Phone: 979-320-4973
Market Broilers Assistant Chairman – DeNeal Svatek Bethke
Phone: 361-676-4340

1. Read General Rules.

2. All 4-H and FFA youth intending to raise and show turkeys at the Victoria Livestock Show must pay the entry fee and the cost of turkeys online, see schedule for deadline. (Turkeys will be ordered through Victoria County 4-H Extension Office by August 1st; however, between October 1st and December 31st, to be eligible to show in the Victoria Livestock Show, you must enter your turkey through the VLS ShoWorks System.)

3. VLS will follow the rules for ordering outlined by Texas A&M Poultry Website under major shows. The number of birds allowed per exhibitor will follow the Major Show Order Limitation as outlined by Texas A&M Poultry Science department. All poults will be wing banded and major show eligible birds will be ordered in lots of 25 straight run. Two exhibitors may "split" an order of turkey poults - 12/13. These arrangements must be made between the exhibitors and then submitted in writing to the Victoria County Extension Office prior to the ordering deadline on the calendar and listed in Rules #2 & #4. Each exhibitor will also be responsible for entering their turkey in the the VLS ShoWorks System between October 1st and December 31st, to be eligible to show in the Victoria Livestock Show.)

4. Turkey Poult orders will be coordinated through Victoria County 4-H Extension Office. For current year's deadline for order time please see calendar of event in front of current rule book. All turkeys will be ordered from one hatchery, will be of the same breeding and will be hatched the same day. The VLS Market Turkey Show will only consist of one division. All 25 turkeys will be banded and numbered as one group. If a turkey loses a band or they are tampered with, the individual turkey is automatically disqualified from the show.

5. The date and time for Exhibitors or parents to pick up their day-old chicks will be coordinated through Victoria County 4-H Extension Office at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center, 259 Bachelor Dr.

6. Each exhibitor must select and show one Market Turkey Hen or Tom for one complete entry.

7. Each exhibitor must present their Market Turkey at the show. The exhibitor is allowed to provide one alternate market turkey at the time of the sift to present to the sift judge if their turkey is not acceptable for show. Following the sift, exhibitors are required to remove the alternate market turkey from the exhibit barn.

8.The selected Market Poultry judge 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. Turkeys 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. The sifter and judge will disregard any wing damage caused by the required wing band.

9. The judge has the option to first judge by class then award an overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

10. Each exhibitor is required to bring two one-pound coffee containers 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.

11. Market Turkeys will be shown by the exhibitor, and the exhibitor is responsible for holding the bird for judging.

12. Market Turkey pens and the immediate area will be cleaned by the exhibitor daily.

13. No one will be allowed to handle the exhibitor's Market Turkeys without the exhibitor's approval.

14. All Market Turkeys must be removed from the show barn during the assigned release time on Sunday. Refer to schedule and/or your chairman will relay the time once it is decided.

15. Exhibitors who have not deemed their turkey as PREMIUM are responsible for delivering processed turkeys to their buyer.

16. Exhibitors making the sale will present themselves and their placement ribbon during the auction.

For additional information contact:
Market Turkey Chairman – Brad Bethke
Phone: 979-320-4973
Market Broilers Assistant Chairman – DeNeal Svatek Bethke
Phone: 361-676-4340

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, Black, or Blue), Californians, Palominos, Satins (all ARBA recognized colors), Cinnamons, Crème D 'Argents, Champagne D 'Argents and Broken NZ.

5. Meat pen must consist of the same variety in the breed.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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).

10. All water and feed storage containers must be removed from the cooping area after the animals are fed and watered.

11. Rabbit pens and the immediate area must be cleaned by the exhibitor before 9AM each morning.

12. An exhibitor may raise as many rabbits as they want and may be tattooed in a family name. All rabbits being tattooed must be in good health - NO sniffles and conjunctivitis. Every possible exhibitor in the family must pay a separate entry fee. See schedule for date and time of validation and tattooing.

13. 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. Each exhibitor must check in their own rabbits.

14. **NOTE: Only exhibitors and Market Rabbit Chairman are allowed beyond the sifting gate**.
See official show schedule for check-in and judging dates and times.

15. 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.)**

16. All rabbits will be judged by a certified ARBA Judge and will be judging on the ARBA point 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

17. No one will be allowed to handle the exhibitor's rabbits without the exhibitor's approval.

18. Exhibitors participating in Market Rabbit showmanship will be awarded based on the age divisions as published on page 85.

19. See Schedule for Market Rabbit meetings.

For additional information contact:
Market Rabbit Chairman - Becky Kuecker
Home: 361-575-6701
Cell: 361-648-6736
Email: kueckerb@yahoo.com

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. 16 (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. Weighing and assignment of weight classes will be determined under the direction of the goat Chairman.

10. Unethical fitting will not be allowed. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the application of any substance to any part of the animal's body. Foreign materials including but not limited to painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, adhesives, cosmetic adjustments (adding hair) are prohibited. Injection drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.
11. Drenching of goats with electrolytes for hydration will be allowed. General Rule #16 applies.
12. Feeding in pens will not be allowed. Feed buckets must be kept in show boxes when not in use.
13. Showbox and equipment area is limited to 8'x10'. Families with more entries and may require more space may contact show management for more space.
14. Exhibitors must furnish their own bedding for their goat while at the show.
15. Only the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the judging and sifting 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. 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. Please be a responsible exhibitor.
18. Pickup manure in aisles and exercise arena when animals are out of pens.

For additional information contact:
Market Goat Chairman – Mike Tater
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 validated 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. See Schedule for carcass winners announcement. All participants are strongly encouraged to dress in the appropriate attire for this announcement.

8. 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. If an animal is sifted it is considered shown and no other species may be entered at that point.

CARCASS STEER RULES

1. Read General Rules.

2. Steers must be born no earlier than October 1, 2025 (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 must be paid with registration and will be verified by Chairman.

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. 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 (Russ Svetlik 361-935-5017) 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. See Show Schedule for Carcass Steer check-in.
   Minimum weight for check-in is 1000 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. 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.

8. 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:
   USDA Yield Grade = 2.50 + (2.5 x adjusted fat thickness, inches) + (0.20 x % kidney, pelvic & heart fat) + (0.0038 x warm carcass weight, lbs.) - (0.32 x rib eye area, square inches).

9. 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-)

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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:

QUALITY GRADE	**YIELDGRADE**
PRIME	<4.0
CHOICE	<3.5
SELECT	<3.0

13. Carcasses placing 1st through 15th place will be transported to a local processing facility and will be available to the respective auction buyer for processing through same facility.

14. Those carcasses above 15th place will not be available to the exhibitor. These carcasses will have final disposition through the processor 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. These carcasses above 15th place which are eligible for the VLS Auction per VLS Auction determination procedures, will be sold in the VLS Auction as “resale” only.

15. Carcass Exhibitors determined as not eligible for the VLS Auction will receive resale checks from VLS for all carcasses above 15th place equal to the amount received as fair market value from the processor.

16. All 1st thru 15th place steers not eligible for the VLS Auction are the responsibility of the exhibitor for disposition through the local processing facility.

    All carcasses will be identified by tag number or VLS Sale number.

    Any carcasses not claimed after 2 weeks following the show will become property of the processor.

17. All correspondence with the processing facility concerning any carcass entered into the VLS Carcass Steer competition will be directed through VLS management.

For additional information contact:
Carcass Steer Chairman - Russ Svetlik
Phone: 361-935-5017

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 Larry Frederick - 361-649-8503.

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 or Sifting Rules. Unsound and stress symptom hogs will be sifted.

6. All ear tags must be clean and readable at weigh-in.

7. 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 average carcass back fat thickness, .7 inch

d. Maximum back fat thickness at the last rib, 1.24 inches

e. 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 x the 10th rib fat depth, in.) + (3.005 x 10th rib loin muscle area, in^2) + (0.465 x warm carcass weight, lbs.)) / warm carcass weight, lbs.] x 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.

8. 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 - Larry Frederick
Phone: 361-649-8503
Email: larry.frederick1963@gmail.com

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.

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 AFTER THE LATE DEADLINE.**

6. Lambs must weigh 90 lbs. minimum to 135 lbs. maximum. They must be shorn to ¼" of wool or less.

7. 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.

8. The ideal lamb carcass:
   a. Has a bright, attractive color of lean.
   b. Has a quality grade 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 an inch.

9. 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.

10. Carcasses must have 0.10 inch - 0.25-inch adjusted fat cover over the rib eye and must grade U.S. Low Choice or better to be eligible for placing.

11. Lambs with a maximum warm weight exceeding 80 lbs. will be disqualified.

12. Carcass lambs will be placed based on the following two formulas:
    a. Yield Grade = 0.4 + (10 x adjusted fat thickness, inches)
    b. % Boneless closely trimmed retail cuts = 49.936 - (0.0848 x warm carcass weight, lbs.) - (4.376 x adjusted fat thickness, inches) - (3.530 x body wall thickness, inches) + (2.456 x rib eye area, square inches)
    c. Final carcasses placing will be made at the discretion of the carcass judge based on overall carcass merit.

13. 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 Chair – Wayne Leita - (361) 550-3815

BREEDING DIVISION RULES

1. Read General Rules.

2. Online entries must be submitted for the Junior Breeding Heifer Show, Junior Breeding Bull Show, Junior Breeding Ewe and Doe, and the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.

3. Breeding Rabbit entries will be registered and paid the morning of the show.

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF - HEIFER SHOW

1. Read General Rules.

2. Animals must be registered with the parent breed association. 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.
   EACH HEIFER MUST HAVE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS UPON CHECK-IN. No digital copies.
   All exhibitors must be present at time of check-in to verify their heifer's registration papers.

3. All animals must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association on or before October 31, 2026. No Heifers older than 9-1-24.

4. To be eligible to show, all breeding beef heifers must be state validated. Tags are purchased through the Victoria County Extension Office and must be purchased prior to the validation. Heifers that have a major show tag and have previously been validated in the exhibitor's name do not have to be re-validated. Validation will occur in October at Diebel Cattle Co. on Salem Road for all new validations.
   NOTE: if an ear tag is lost you must notify your chairman immediately to have the calf retagged.

5. 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.

6. Drench Guns: Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway and are prohibited on any show grounds. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.

7. Overall Champion Class - Each division will be represented by their Champion and Reserve Champion. These heifers will be judged and placed as follows: Grand Champion Overall and Reserve Grand Champion Overall.

8. Total placing will depend on number of divisions.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. The Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show will follow the Bull Show beginning at 9AM on Saturday.

For additional information contact:
Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Chairman - Susan Hempel
Phone: 361-649-6960

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF - BULL SHOW

1. Each animal must be registered with the parent breed association in the name of the 4-H or FFA individual exhibitor by October 31, 2026. EACH BULL MUST HAVE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS UPON CHECK-IN.

2. All bulls must be halter-broke and the exhibitor must be able to handle the bull themselves. If not, they may be deemed unruly and excused for the show at discretion of the committee.

3. All bulls are required to be shown with a nose ring that is attached to a lead. Bulls over 11 months must have a permanent nose ring.

4. All bulls that have horns exceeding 6 inches or greater must be tipped.

5. Drench Guns: Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway and are prohibited on any show grounds. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.

6. There will be 2 classes of bulls in each of the 3 divisions. (A Division will consist of 2 bulls or greater.)

   a. American Division / British Division / Exotic Division
      i. Class 1 – ages 12 months or less
      ii. Class 2 – ages 24 months or less

7. The Junior Breeding Bull Show will be at 9AM on Saturday.

For more information contact:
Junior Breeding Bull Show Chairman
Melanie Hood
Phone: 361-935-6186

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFERS
(Haltered Commercial Heifers)

1. All heifers will be validated with a VLS ear tag annually during the October state heifer validation at Diebel Ranch. All heifers from the previous year must be re-validated for the new show year.

2. There will be no limit to the number of heifers an exhibitor can validate or show.

3. Crossbred females are desired, but purebred females will be permitted. You CAN NOT cross enter between the commercial heifer show and the JR breeding registered show.

4. All cattle MUST be halter broke and dehorned

5. All heifers will be weighed and classified at the show during the steer weigh-in andclassification.

6. The exhibitor will show in their respective weight and breed classification.

Divisions

a. Brahman-Cross- must have physical evidence (75%) of Brahman background to include ear length, shape and amount of hide and hump/ crest.
b. American- anything NOT in the Brahman cross, with at least 50% of Brahman characteristics.
c. British- heifers must appear to be purebred Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford or Shorthorn.
d. Exotic- all heifers that do not fall into the other breed classifications.

7. Placing class ribbons will be awarded along with division grand and reserve rosettes and grand and reserve supreme heifer will be awarded a banner and jacket certificate.

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

The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production, as well as learn and share their knowledge about important elements of the beef industry. 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 there are an 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 $50.00 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. See show schedule for check-in. The commercial heifer show will take place 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. All heifers must have a health certificate and be palpated by a licensed veterinarian. The health certificate should state open, exposed, bred (months) or calf at side.

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
i.	Bonus - Calf at side	2.5 pts/calf

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.

12. All heifers that pass sifting and grading must sell as scheduled. 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, less the 6% commission fee and less the $2.00/ head Beef Check-Off fee. All checks will be available approximately 10 days after the sale.

14. All heifers will be released the day after the sale between 8AM-11AM.

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 a. Heifer Classes:

<u>Class I – Spring born</u>
1/1/26 to 3/31/26 Heifers must be open on the day of Commercial Heifer Show check-in.

<u>Class II – Fall Females</u>
7/1/25 to 12/31/25 May be exposed no earlier than November 15, 2026.

Heifers 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
1/1/25 to 6/30/25 Entries must have calf at side or be palpated heavy bred (third trimester)

19 b. Proposed 2028 Heifer Classes
Class I – Open Class
9/1/2026 to 2/28/2027 – Heifers must be open on the day of the Commercial Heifer Show check-in

Class II – Bred Class
3/1/2026 to 8/31/2026 – Heifers must be palpated bred before the Commercial Heifer Show. May be exposed no earlier than 7/15/2027

Class II – Pairs
9/1/2025 to 2/28/2026 – Up to two years old at tag-in. Must have calf by side. Calves cannot be more than 30 days old at tag-in (first of October), and must be born prior to the Commercial Heifer Show

The Commercial Heifer Committee will evaluate heifer teeth at tag-in and show check-in tohelp confirm age. The team will consult with a veterinarian, if necessary, to make any final judgements.

20. Champions from Classes I, II, and III will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show.

See schedule for judging. All cattle will need to be fed and pens cleaned prior. No signs will be allowed on the pens during judging.

21. Record books are mandatory for all exhibitors and are due February 1st-7th and turned in at the Agrilife Extension office. Records books will be judged.

22. Commercial heifer interviews will be optional.
The interview details and schedule will be available by January 15th once sign-up is complete.

It is highly encouraged for exhibitors to participate in the interiew contest, especially seniors. It helps them understand their commercial heifer projects better, and helps them develop key communication skills that they will need to advance in school and working careers.

Interviews and record books judged in the following groups:

Junior - 3rd thru 5th grade
Intermediate - 6th thru 8th grade
Senior - 9th thru 12th grade

For additional information contact:
Commercial Heifer Chairman - Ryan Pletcher
Phone: 361-571-5760
Email: rkpletcher@yahoo.com
Co-Chair - Justin Leita
Phone: 361-550-1212
Interviews and Record Books - Scott Johnson
Phone: 361-550-5555

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT SHOW

1. All entries and awards in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in the Rule Book.
2. Fee is $35 per entry.
3. Market gilt hogs may be entered into the breeding gilt show with an additional $35 fee.
4. All entries for the Junior Breeding Gilt show must be entered online. See the general rules for entry deadline and online entry instructions. If entering Registered Breed gilts, the breed type,and date of birth must be provided with the online entry.
5. An exhibitor may only enter one gilt per individual class.
6. The Junior Breeding Gilt Show will consist of Registered Breed classifications and Crossbred gilts.
    a. Six (6) gilts will be needed to make a Registered Breed Classification, based on entries.
    b. Registered Breeds represented by less than six (6) gilts will be combined as Other Pure Breeds (OPB).
    c. If needed, OPB divisions may be split into White and Dark Breeds.
    d. Crossbred gilts will be classed by weight division. Weight Classes are 230 and under, 231 - 250, 251 - 270, and 271 and above.
    **Large classes may be split into equal sub-classes.
    e. The original certificate of registry is required for all Registered Breed gilts. A copy may be accepted if the gilt is the award of a scramble certificate and the copy includes the official stamp of the associated show holding the original. *Registration papers must be provided at weigh-in.*
7. Crossbred gilts are not eligible to compete for grand and reserve champion of the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.

8. Any gilt which is not registered in the name of the exhibitor on or before the deadline listed in the general rules schedule, will be assigned to the crossbred class. No fresh ear notches will be permitted. Registered Breed gilts with ear notches not matching the registry certificate may only be shown in the crossbred class.

9. Health requirements will be under current regulations of the Texas Animal Commission.

10. Breeding Gilts will unload at the barn from 3PM-5PM on Wednesday alongside the market hogs. Weigh-in for Commercial breeding gilts will begin at 5PM-7PM on Wednesday. Exhibitors are required to be present at check-in/weigh-in. Exhibitors with Registered Gilts will need to have their papers in-hand and wait at their pen at the conclusion on market hog/commercial gilt weigh in. A team of committee members will come by and collect registration papers and confirm ear notches 45 minutes after the final hog walks across the scale. At the conclusion of the 45-minute period, registration papers will not be accepted and breeding gilts with a weight will be placed in a commercial gilt class.

12. Junior breeding gilt judging will be Friday at 8AM. Exhibitors are required to be in the main arena bleachers 30 minutes prior to judging. Exhibitors need to bring 3 hand written thank you cards to the stands. Thank you cards should not be addressed, sealed, or possess a stamp. Please write cards thanking our donors for their continued support, your show experience, etc. THANK-YOU CARDS ARE DUE BEFORE THE ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED AS WELL AS BREED PAPERS AND PREMIUM CHECKS.

13. Any exhibitor not in the pen area during sweepstakes judging will forfeit all monies won.

14. Sweepstakes maximums will be $750.00. Additional places will be paid as money is available.

15. Crossbred gilts will be eligible for all awards from third place down.

16. An exhibitor may be awarded no more than one sweepstakes money.

17. Gilts must be clean and clipped prior to arrival. No clipping allowed on show grounds. Dressings: No oil, paint, powder or other dressing is permitted on gilts. Only water is allowed.

18. Pens should be kept clean and animals are to be cared for at least twice daily. Exhibitors are not allowed to feed gilts during judging.

19. Only pig water dispensers are allowed to remain in the pens during the show. Unless attached to the water dispenser, feed pans must be removed. All feed will be removed out of the pens ten minutes prior to judging.

20. ONLY exhibitors, Committee members and approved elected team leaders are allowed in the pen area during the judging.

21. ONLY JUNIOR BREEDING GILT EXHIBITORS MAY SHOW BREEDING GILTS.

22. The intent of the Junior Breeding Gilt show format is to encourage youth to take lead in their project. To reduce distractions and interruptions, please encourage family and friends to watch from the bleachers.

23. Release time will be Sunday starting at 7AM. Premium checks will be handed out as exhibitors are released from the barn. **3 Thank-you cards are due before the animals will be released as well as breed paper and premium checks.**

24. Each exhibitor must turn in Thank You cards to send to our donors. (3 thank you cards per exhibitor.) Exhibitors will not receive their premium check or animal release until that exhibitor's Thank You cards have been turned in. Please leave envelopes unsealed with nothing written on the outside of the envelope. The chairman will be responsible for mailing the Thank You notes to all donors for the Jr. Breeding Gilt Show.

25. By February 1st each exhibitor must let the Chairman know the number of swine they will be bringing. Example: 1 market & 1 breeding or the same animal for both.

27. Showbox and equipment area is limited to 5'x6'. Families with more entries and may require more space may contact show management for more space.

For additional information contact:
Junior Breeding Gilt Chairman – Zach Depine
Cell – 361-571-7056
Email – zach.depine@yahoo.com

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. See show schedule for check-in and judging times.
   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.

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 participate in this show.

4. Only exhibitors and show officials may enter the judging area. See show schedule for check-in and judging dates and times.

5. Breeds will be judges 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.

6. 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

All General Rules of the Victoria Livestock show will apply to this show.

1. All Ewes will be state validated and required to have a state breeder/USDA scrapie tag. All ear tags and tattoos will be checked .
   Exhibitors may validate and enter as many breeding ewes as desired. If more than one ewe is in a class per same exhibitor, another exhibitor can show.
   Exhibitors with Market Lambs and Breeding Ewes will stall/pen together.
   If exhibitors entered a ewe in the market show they may enter the breeding show with the same animal, if the animal meets all other breeding rule criteria. Both entries must be entered and paid online.

2. Ewes will be broke into divisions of breed then by the tooth rule. Teeth and age will be checked by a vet on the day of check in. Classes will be broke down by weight.
   Ewe lambs must be carrying all milk teeth at time of check in.
   Ewes carrying at least two permanent incisors at time of check in will compete in a two tooth/yearling division.
   Ewes carrying more than two permanent incisors will compete in the mature class.
   Classes will be shown according to the divisions, single class entries will only show in the drive.

3. Commercial and registered will show together in their respective breeds. Must have two sheep to constitute a breed.

   Breeds that can be shown: Southdown, Dorper, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, and Medium Wool.
   We will not have a classifier, however Breeding Ewe Committee will have final say in classification. Entries will be classified at validation and again when registering on Show Works.

4. Ewes must be slick shorn with no leg shag above the knee.

   Lambs may not have wool longer than ¼ inch and must be shorn before the show.

   Blocking tables, blowers and clippers are allowed at show for touch up and fitting only.

   Awards: Grand and Reserve overall will receive buckles and banners. Division champions and reserve will receive banners. Classes will receive ribbons.

For additional information contact:
Junior Breeding Ewe Chairman – Thomas Depine
Cell – 361-648-8510
Email – tdepine27@gmail.com

BREEDING DOE SHOW

All General Rules of the Victoria Livestock show will apply to this show.

1. All does will be state validated and required to have a state breeder/USDA scrapie tag. All ear tags and tattoos will be checked .
   Exhibitors may validate and enter as many breeding does as desired. If more than one ewe is in a class per same exhibitor, another exhibitor can show.
   Exhibitors with Market goats and Breeding does will stall/pen together.
   If exhibitors entered a doe in the market show they may enter the breeding show with the same animal, if the animal meets all other breeding rule criteria. Both entries must be entered and paid online.

2. Does will be aged and classed according to the tooth rule.
   Teeth and age will be checked by a vet on the day of check in.
   Classes will be broke down by weight.
   Doe kids must be carrying all milk teeth at time of check in.
   Does carrying at least two permanent incisors at time of check in will compete in a two tooth/yearling division.
   Does carrying more than two permanent incisors will compete in the mature class.
   Classes will be shown according to the divisions, single class entries will only show in the drive.

3. Commercial and registered boer goats will show together.

4. Does may be fitted or blocked to exhibitors discretion. Blocking tables, blowers and clippers are allowed at show for touch up and fitting only.

Awards: Grand and Reserve overall will receive buckles and banners. Division champions and reserve will receive banners. Classes will receive ribbons.

For additional information contact:
Junior Breeding Doe Chairman – Patrick Tompkins
Cell – (361) 652-3125
Email – pltompkins@hotmail.com

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. All halter classes, with the exception of miniatures, will work off the rail, a tailer can be used if needed.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. NO stallions allowed at the Victoria Livestock show. Exhibitors 6 and under should be accompanied by an assistant. 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.

9. 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.

10. A pony currently involved with or supervised by a person should not be judged by that individual.

11. All ponies must have a current Coggins and the Coggins must be shown at check-in.

12. 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.

13. In the trail and jumping classes all exhibitors must stay on course, if the exhibitor goes off course it will result in a disqualification from the class. The exhibitor is only allowed to show one pony in the "in hand" classes.

14. We will offer "Cool" classes for the physically/mentally handicap youth of the community.

15. No refunds for entries will be made.

16. The exhibitor will be called twice. After the second call, you will not be allowed to enter the ring with your pony.

17. If a tack or pony change in needed, please make sure the gate attendant is aware so that a hold can be put on the class.

18. Only exhibitors and their parents will be allowed in the pony staging/holding area. All children under the age of 6 must always be supervised by an adult (an adult is any individual over the age of 18 years old).

19. You do not have to be a member of the South Texas Shetland Pony Club of the show, but in order to receive points towards the end of the year awards; you must be a current member in good standing, turn in your sponsorship by the deadline date, and attend 3 out of the 4 shows.

20. Two awards will be given at the show; the Audrey Barrett Sportsmanship Award and the Judges Choice Award.

    a. The **Audrey Barrett Sportsmanship Award** will be given to an outstanding youth that shows excellent Sportsmanship thru the duration of the show. The award is in remembrance of the late Audrey Barrett, she was the founder of the club and show.
    b. The **Judges Choice Award** will be given to the youth that stands out to the judge that day.

21. We are responsible for setting up and taking down our arena and staging area. We ask that each exhibitor and parent commit to helping with either the set up or take down. Each exhibitor present will receive 1 point towards the end of the year awards. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to sign in for points.

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

HOMEMAKING DIVISION

1. All general rules of the Victoria Livestock Show will apply to this division.

2. Schedule:
   a. Pre-registration opens on ShoWorks January 2 - 31, 2027.
   b. Check in projects: Tuesday, February 23 from 4PM-7PM OR Wednesday, February 24 from 7AM-9AM in the VLS Hall.
   c. Judging - Thursday, Feb. 25 from 8AM to Noon.
   d. Public Viewing: Thursday, Feb. 25 beginning at 1PM-7PM and Friday, Feb. 26 10AM until 7PM.
   e. **Pick up Projects** – Friday, Feb. 25 starting at 1:00PM through Friday, Feb. 26 ending at 7:00PM in VLS Hall. All items MUST be picked up by 7:00PM Friday.
   f. Silent Auction – Monday, March 1 at 4:00PM-8:00PM inside the Victoria Community Center Dome. Items must be checked in on this day from 3PM-4PM.

3. Requirements:
   a. Entry is open to any resident of Victoria County.
   b. Entry must have been made within the current year (ex: Feb. 2026 to Feb. 2027) and be the work of the exhibitor.
   c. Any items previously exhibited in the County Fair, with the exception of the Food Division, will not be accepted

4. Registration:
   a. Exhibitors are required to pre-register on ShoWorks. NO WALK-INS WILL BE ALLOWED.
   b. Registration is the responsibility of the exhibitor or exhibitor's parent, guardian, teacher, etc. Please confirm your registration(s) before submitting.
   c. Entry tags will be provided at the time of check in.
   d. Exhibitors are allowed to enter only one item per class per division.
   e. Registration will be limited to a total of 500 entries. Registration will close when this limit is reached.

5. Judging:

   a. NO ONE other than the County Fair judges and approved committee members will be allowed in the exhibit area during the time of judging. ALL DOORS WILL BE LOCKED.
   b. The County Fair Chairmen and County Fair judges can determine the final appropriate classification for the entry.
   c. All entries are subject to disqualification. Any rule not followed by the exhibitor will lead to an automatic disqualification and not be judged. County Fair judges and County Fair Chairmen's decisions are final.
   d. All judging is BLIND.
   e. Project Summary Books are allowed, but not required. However, there cannot be ANY names, club information, or pictures of exhibitor faces, or any other identifying information in summary books.
   f. Names, 4-H clubs, exhibitor faces or any other identifying information is NOT allowed on the front of any items entered, such as art, photography, crafts, food, or recipes.

6. Awards:

   a. In each class, a Blue, Red, or White quality of work ribbon will be given to the top three entries. There will be no participation ribbons given out.
   b. In each division, a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion item will be named in each respective age group.
   c. All Grand Champion items will then be judged for a “Best of Show” in each respective age group.

7. Auction:

   a. Only active 4-H and FFA exhibitors qualify for the silent or live auction.

   b. *ADULT and non-4-H/FFA members are NOT eligible for the silent or live auction.*
   c. 1. YOUTH Grand Champions, YOUTH Reserve Grand Champions and YOUTH Best of Show winners’ entries will be auctioned off, if approved by the exhibitor.
      2. The exhibitor will place minimum bids on all entries for silent auction.
      3. All silent auction monies go to the exhibitor. No fees will be taken from the exhibitor.

d. **LIVE AUCTION:**

1. Senior (9th-12th grade) Best of Show Winner will be included in the LIVE Auction on Monday night with no cash limit.

2.Exhibitors will follow the 7 point system.

3.A commission fee set by VLS will be deducted from all live auction sales by VLS.

e. All food entries eligible for the auction must be remade fresh for the buyer, excluding unopened cans, jars and bottles.

f. A Thank-You card must be submitted to the Victoria 4-H Extension Office in order to receive exhibitor's check.

8. **PICK UP:** All entries must be picked up by the designated time. **ALL ITEMS NOT PICKED UP ON TIME WILL BE DISPOSED UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.**

9. The Victoria Livestock Show and County Fair will take all reasonable precautions for items exhibited, however, will not assume responsibility for any items lost, damaged or stolen.

10. The age categories for competition will be as follows

a. Clover Kids (PreK – 2nd grade)
b. Junior (3rd - 5th grade)
c. Intermediate (6th - 8th grade)
d. Senior (9th - 12th grade)
e. Adult

11. Entry fee is $5 per item.

12. Divisions and classes

a. A person may enter only ONE item per class.
b. All entries MUST be the original work of the exhibitor.
c. Please see each Division for additional specific rules.

i) Art
ii) Photography
iii) Crafts & Handwork
iv) Foods
v) Shop & Horticulture
vi) Educational (Youth Only)

ARTS DIVISION

2D Art, with the exception of wrapped canvas, must be matted or framed (NO glass allowed) with a hanger attached securely to the back (wire, string, pipe cleaners, etc.) for display. All 2D Art may not exceed 24"x36" (including mat or frame). 3D Art must be sturdy enough for transport, easily moved, and have its own display holder if necessary.

Class

1. PAINTING – includes any single or mixed combination
   a) Oils
   b) Acrylic
   c) Watercolor
   d)Tempera

2. DRAWING – includes any single or mixed combination
   a) Pencil
   b) Pen & Ink
   c) Stencil
   d) Marker
   e) Charcoal
   f) Pastels
   g) Crayon
   h) Digital

3. SCULPTURE/HAND ARTS – includes any single or mixed combination
   a) Clay Sculpture
   b) Scratch Board
   c) Mosaic
   d) Pottery
   e) Paper Mache
   f) Wood Burning
   g) Collage
   h) Sand Art

4. OTHER
   a) Coloring on Pre-printed Paper
   b) Mixed Media - combination of two or more medias from class 1 or 2

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Only entries of single photographs will be accepted (no collages). Class is determined by focal point of picture.

It is extremely important that exhibitors review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

Pictures may be taken with any camera. All photography entries MUST be printed as 8”x10” in dimension AND matted with 11”x14” black, grey or white mat with stiff backing (such as thin foam board, mat board, or heavy weight cardboard), must be securely adhered together to create a single photographic display, and must have a hanger attached securely to the back (wire, string, pipe cleaners, etc. with tape, glue, etc.). Framing or matting with a glass frame of any kind is NOT allowed. Mats and backing are available at Hobby Lobby, Michael’s, Amazon, or local photography and art stores.

CLASS CATEGORIES

1	Animals – Domestic
DESCRIPTION	Photos of domesticated animals adapted for human environments. Examples: dogs, cats, horses, pigs, chickens.
NOT ALLOWED	Wildlife, all waterfowl, zoo animals, or animals not under human care.

2	Animals – Wildlife
DESCRIPTION	Photos of undomesticated animals in natural or zoo-like environments. Examples: deer, ducks, birds, snakes, whales.
NOT ALLOWED	Domesticated animals, livestock, or pets.

3	Catch-All
DESCRIPTION	Photos that do not fit in any other category.
NOT ALLOWED	Duplicate entry of a photo already submitted in another category. Photo that belongs in another category.

4	Details & Macro
DESCRIPTION	Close-up photos highlighting fine details or making small objects appear larger than life. Examples: insect eyes, veins on a leaf, water droplets.
NOT ALLOWED	Standard close-ups that don't emphasize fine details; digitally created "macro look" (heavily cropped to simulate a close-up).

5	Dominant Color
DESCRIPTION	Photos where one specific color is the primary visual element. Examples: a bowl of lemons in strong yellow light.
NOT ALLOWED	Black & white, sepia, duotone, or multiple equally dominant colors.

6	Elements of Design
DESCRIPTION	Photos emphasizing line, shape, pattern, form, texture, or perspective. Examples: repeating tile patterns, ripples in water showing repeating patterns, a spiral staircase showing perspective, textured bark on a tree, etc.
NOT ALLOWED	Digitally created or computer-generated designs (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.).

7	Enhanced
DESCRIPTION	Photos significantly manipulated or created using editing techniques. Examples: composites, stitched panoramas, artistic filters.
NOT ALLOWED	Use of stock, AI-generated, or non-original images.

8	Food
DESCRIPTION	Still-life style photos highlighting food for artistic or commercial effect. Examples: meals, cakes, fruits, table settings.
NOT ALLOWED	Alcoholic beverages or photos where food is not the main subject.

9	Landscape & Nature (Non-Animal)
DESCRIPTION	Photos of outdoor scenes and natural settings without animals as the main focus. Examples: gardens, seascapes, cityscapes.
NOT ALLOWED	People, man-made structures, or animals as the main subject.

10	Leading Line
DESCRIPTION	Photos using lines to guide the viewer's eye toward the subject. Example: a river leading to a bridge.
NOT ALLOWED	Weak or implied lines that do not clearly guide the eye.

11	Long Exposure
DESCRIPTION	Photos using extended shutter speeds to capture motion effects or low-light scenes. Examples: fireworks, night skies, light trails, waterfalls.
NOT ALLOWED	Images with artificial blur or digital effects simulating long exposure.

12	Motion/Action
DESCRIPTION	Photos that capture and freeze movement. Examples: sports, running animals, spinning rides.
NOT ALLOWED	Images of objects that are typically stationary or slow-moving. Blurry or poorly focused photos unless intentionally artistic.

13	People
DESCRIPTION	Photos of individuals or groups across all ages and activities. Examples: families, children, portraits, fashion, sports.
NOT ALLOWED	Photos without model consent; animals or objects as main subject.

14	Plant/Flora
DESCRIPTION	Photos of a single flower, tree, bush, or plant as the primary subject. Examples: a rose, a tree's canopy. (Large landscapes with multiple plants belong in Landscape & Nature.)
NOT ALLOWED	Large landscapes where a single plant is not the central focus.

15	Reflections
DESCRIPTION	Photos capturing mirrored images in water, glass, metal, or other reflective surfaces. Examples: lakes, puddles, water droplet, building facades.
NOT ALLOWED	Images where the reflection is not the primary subject.

16	Shadow/ Silhouette
DESCRIPTION	Photos where a shadow or silhouette is the primary subject against a brighter background. Examples: shadows of people, animals, or structures.
NOT ALLOWED	Images where the shadow or silhouette is not the primary subject.

17	Transportation
DESCRIPTION	Photos showcasing vehicles or modes of travel. Examples: bustling urban streets, cars, buses, trains, boats, bicycles, airplanes, and rockets.
NOT ALLOWED	Images where transportation is background only, not the subject.

18	Theme – VLS in Action
DESCRIPTION	Celebrate the heart of the Victoria Livestock Show by capturing exhibitors and volunteers in meaningful moments of action. From workshops, events, pageant, parade, livestock or 4-H projects, showcasing the dedication, passion, and behind-the-scenes efforts of the Victoria Livestock Show.
NOT ALLOWED	Posed portraits without exhibitor or volunteer activity shown; photos where the subject is not a 4-H member or livestock show project.

CRAFTS & HANDWORK DIVISION

Class is determined by material and method. All items must be finished and ready for wear or use. All items must be clean and brought to check-in on hangers, fastened securely, or on a quilt rack or display rack. All small items, such as jewelry, small models, small personal accessories, and beading, need to placed in a pint, quart, or gallon sized zip bag.

Class

1) **FASHION AND CLOTHING**
   a) Blouse, Skirt, Dress, Pants, Shorts, Ensemble, Coat/Jacket, Vest, Apron, Special Occasion, Sleepwear, Costumes, Other

2) **FASHION AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES**
   a) Belts, Bags, Hats, Purses, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Other

3) **DECORATIVE HOME ACCESSORIES**
   a) Throw Pillows, Potholders, Appliance Covers, Placemats (set of 4), Napkins (set of 4), Tablecloth, Casserole Carriers, Basket Weaving, Rug Weaving, Macramé, Candles, Other

4) **QUILTING**
   a) Machine
   b) Hand

5) **HANDWORK**
   a) Crochet
   b) Knitting
   c) Needlepoint
   d) Latch Hook
   e) Cross Stitch

6) Wreaths

7) Model Crafts

8) Toys and Dolls

SHOP & HORTICULTURE DIVISION

All items must be finished and ready to use. All potted plants must be in the 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

1) **POTTED ARRANGEMENTS** Any type of live plant in a pot.
   a) Floral, Fruit, Vegetable, Succulents, Cactus, etc.

2) **CUT ARRANGEMENTS** Any type of fresh cut plant.
   a) Fresh Cut in vase, Fresh Cut on Wreath, etc.

3) **DRIED ARRANGEMENTS** Any type of cut and dried plant no longer fresh.
   a) Dried in vase, Dried on Wreath, etc.

4) **ELECTRICITY AND WIRE**
   a) Any type of electrical work or items made of wire

5) **LEATHER**
   a) Any type of leather work

6) **METAL**
   a) Any type of metalworking or blacksmithing such as welding, signs, barbeque pits, fire pits, knives, etc.

7) **PLASTIC**
   a) Any item made from PVC, 3D Printed, etc.

8) **WOOD**
   a) Any type of woodworking such as furniture, tables, benches, signs, pens, etc. (Wood burning will be entered under ART class 3.)

9) **TAXIDERMY**
   a) Any type of taxidermy such as mounting antlers, shoulder mounts, hides, etc.

10) **GLASS**
   a) Any type of glass work**,** stained glass, blown, etc.

11) **OTHER**

FOOD DIVISION

Any food item that requires refrigeration will NOT be accepted.

All bakery food items MUST be in a closed store bought, disposable bakery container on a plain white, gold, or silver cake circle/rectangle. These may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Amazon, other online websites, or local food/bakery supply stores. All items cooked directly in a store bought, disposable pan with lid will be accepted as a bakery container, such as pies, tarts, cobblers, and sheet cakes. Exceptions that require other containers are candy, snack mixes, canned items, dried meats, and beverages. See chart below for additional details.
Any food item not in the appropriate container WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and DISQUALIFIED.

Recipe must accompany and be attached all food entries. Recipes including ingredients, amounts, and step-by-step instructions must be typed on standard 8 ½“x 11” plain letter paper in black ink with no decorations or photos. DO NOT include exhibitor name on the recipe.

All canned/bottled products must be in standard jars, pint or quart, and canned/sealed with safe canning techniques. Two (2) jars/bottles need to be submitted - one for tasting and one for display. Any canned products will be disqualified if exhibited in mayonnaise jars, coffee cans, or any other jar/can 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.

Baked products (cakes, pies, breads) must be brought in whole. Brownies, cookies, candies, etc. must be brought as a sample of six (6). See chart below for more details.

Food items will need to be remade fresh and whole for silent auction. Additional jars of canned items or bottles of beverages will need to be available for silent auction. Please keep this in mind when making your items.

Food will be judged on appearance and taste unless otherwise stated below.

Class	Item	Requirements	Description
1	Cookies	6 individual items	Undecorated, made from scratch, baked, no bake, or bar
2	Brownies	6 individual items	Undecorated, made from scratch
3	Cakes / Cupcakes	1 whole item or 6 individual items	Undecorated, made from scratch, frosted, glazed, filled, dusted, or plain
4	Pies, Tarts, Cobblers	1 whole item or 6 individual items	Undecorated, made from scratch, full size or mini
5	Semi Homemade	1 whole item or 6 individual items	Anything that contains a store bought mix, refrigerator dough or biscuit
6	Decorated cookies, cupcakes, or cake pops	6 individual items	Individually decorated, judged on consistent replication or combined in a uniform theme and taste
7	Decorated cake	1 whole item	Cake mixes may be used, Judged on decoration ONLY
8	Muffins, Biscuits	6 individual items	made from scratch, Sweet or unsweet
9	Breads / Rolls	1 whole item or 6 individual items	Yeast, sour dough, or quick rise, made from scratch, Sweet or unsweet
10	Candy	1 quart size zip bag	Made from scratch
11	Snack Mixes	1 quart size zip bag	Made from scratch and/or assortment of store bought
12	Canned Vegetables	1 whole jar, sealed	One (1) jar needs to be submitted for tasting. Additional jars will be used for premiums and auction.
13	Canned Fruit	1 whole jar, sealed	One (1) jar needs to be submitted for tasting. Additional jars will be used for premiums and auction.
14	Dried Meats	1 whole or 6 individual items in a zip bag or vacuum sealed bag	
15	Beverage	1 whole item, bottled, corked, and/or sealed	must provide 6 disposable cups and bottle opener, One (1) bottle needs to be submitted for tasting. Additional bottles will be used for premiums and auction.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

****YOUTH ONLY****

Class

1. 4-H Exhibits
2. Science Fair Projects
3. Books / Scrapbooks

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Co-Chair - Lacey Wentz 361-489-1378

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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. It is recommended that exhibitors be with their project during judging to answer questions and explain their project.

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. Prize money and awards will be given to only one exhibitor - the exhibitor who pays the entry.

11. Grand and Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics winner may choose to sell their project in the live auction on Monday night and should communicate with the auction committee prior to the sale.

12. 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.

13. Projects can be shown in either the Agricultural Mechanics or County Fair, but not in both.

14. Entry fee is $20.00 per project entered and is to be paid online via Showorks.

15. Participants with Grand and Reserve projects sold in the live auction are required to coordinate and arrange pickup or delivery after the auction.

16. Silent auction items are the responsibility of the participant, including collection of payment and coordination of project pickup.

17. All projects are required to be signed out at pickup. Direct any questions or concerns to Troy Koenig.

For additional information contact:
Ag Mechanics Chairman - Troy Koenig
Phone: 361-648-7685

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

Scholarships

- Dr. Tom Moscatelli Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Walt Gillig & Barbara Gillig Yanta Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Dan McCue Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Dennis Williams Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Francis Obsta Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Dr. C.D. and Audrey Barret Memorial Scholarship - $5000.00
- Victoria Livestock Show Scholarships (5 of these awarded) - $3000.00 each
- Mark Scherer Scholarship – $1750.00

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 – 9th to 12th grades
Intermediate – 6th to 8th grades
Junior – 3rd to 5th grades
(As of the 2024-25 school year)

Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Division Showmanship will be awarded in the Market Shows (Rabbit, Broiler, Hog, Lamb, Goat, and Steer divisions), the Heifer Junior Breeding Beef 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)
- Emil Waida Memorial Sportsmanship Award

ATTENTION ALL CHAIRMEN: Please submit any changes or additions to your division awards to Awards Committee no later than January 11, 2027 so that all awards may be ordered in a timely manner.

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BBQ COOKOFF

Visit VLS BBQ Cookoff on Facebook for all up-to-date information or email vlsbbqcookoff@yahoo.com.

QUEEN VICTORIA PAGAENT

The pageant consists of the following age categories:

- Queen Victoria, 15 – 18 years old
- Junior Queen Victoria, 11 – 14 years old
- Young Queen Victoria, 7 – 10 years old
- Little Miss Cowgirl, 4 – 6 years old
- Little Mr. Cowboy, 4 – 6 years old

Scholarships are given away in each age category along with other prizes and awards.

For more details you can find the pageant application on our website, or contact the pageant director,
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Heavenly Father,

We thank you for gathering us to participate in the annual Victoria Livestock Show. We ask you for your continued blessings for all who enter the fairgrounds.

For the youth exhibitors: please bestow unto them confidence and sportsmanship as they enter their many animal projects for judging. May they continue to grow and develop as successful young men and women in their journey in this very worthwhile endeavor.

For the volunteers and parents: we ask for your strength and guidance to be the best leaders we can be for the young people who have entered this show. Let us focus our efforts on their well-being and give us the means to build them up in a positive light. For the youth are our future and we rely on them to stand where we are today.

For our community: We are blessed to be citizens in the land of freedom – the United States of America, and the great state of Texas. We thank you for the enduring support from the many sponsors and members of the crossroads who have made our show possible every year.

As we walk these fairgrounds, may we continue to praise you and be your good servants. For as it is written in the book of Matthew: let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

In Your Name, we pray.

Amen.

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