

2011 Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show

February 25 - March 6, 2011

Livestock Rule Book



“Proudly Serving Today’s Youth....Tomorrow’s Future”

Please read this Rule Book carefully for important dates and other revisions.

Check website for any date changes or other information
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WARNING

**TO ALL
EXHIBITORS,
PARENTS/GUARDIANS,
AG SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS, AND
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS:**

**ANY UNAPPROVED,
OVER-TOLERANCE
OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE
DETECTED IN ANY
MARKET SHOW ANIMALS
LIVE OR CARCASS,
MAY JEOPARDIZE ALL FUTURE
MATAGORDA COUNTY
FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS.**

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SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES

Please read the Livestock Rule Book for all rules and regulations pertaining to the 2011 Show.
Some dates, rule changes, etc. are:

1. **2011 Show** - The 2011 Matagorda County Fair, Livestock Show and Rodeo dates are:
Friday, February 25, 2011 - Sunday, March 6, 2011.
2. **Check-in & Judging:**

Tuesday, March 1	Lamb, Goat weigh-in for 2011 show.
Wednesday, March 2	Steer, Swine weigh-in for 2011 Show.
Wednesday, March 2	Poultry and Rabbit check-in/judging/showmanship
Wednesday, March 2	Lamb, Goat judging/showmanship.
Thursday, March 3	Steer, Swine judging/showmanship.
Friday, March 4	Livestock horse judging and bucket calf show.
3. **Changing Projects -**
 - a) Upon the death of a project animal, the exhibitor may appeal to the board to waive the late fee and enter another project provided all other rules are followed.
4. **Junior Entrants (Exhibitor) -**
 - a) All Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag in until the animal release date at the fair. All entries must be kept in Matagorda County and/or in the Palacios School District at the physical address shown on the entry form. The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the MCFLA board. Exceptions include participating in a major show, animal is under listed veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required), or other reasons approved by the Board. Please notify the Fair office by email, phone or fax with a confirmation of receipt before leaving the county. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued. All agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spot check feeders at any time. Violations will make the animal and exhibitor ineligible for the current year's fair. A second offense will make the family ineligible indefinitely.
5. **Limit of Entries -**
 - a) Steer, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
6. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits -**
 - a) Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b) All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
7. **Minimum Entries** - Any livestock division that has ten or less entries may be eliminated from the following years show.

8. **Meat Pen Rabbits-**

Only rabbit exhibitors and their rabbits will be allowed in the judging arena during the rabbit show. A pre-sift will occur during weigh in at the rabbit show. This pre-sift will be conducted by a qualified individual such as an agriculture science teacher or committee person. The pre-sift will be to check for disqualifications as stated in the rules. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the show area and will not be accepted for judging.

9. **LAMBS -**

Classes will be determined as follows:

1 - 13 lambs	1 weight class
14 - 28 lambs	2 weight classes
29 - 39 lambs	3 weight classes
40 - 50 lambs	4 weight classes
50 + lambs	5 weight classes

10. **GOATS -**

Classes will be determined as follows:

1 - 13 goats	1 weight class
14 - 28 goats	2 weight classes
29 - 39 goats	3 weight classes
40 - 50 goats	4 weight classes
50 + goats	5 weight classes

11. **GENERAL -**

There will be one class in the Poultry Show: Cockerel and Pullets will show together.

Important Dates

(Dates Subject to Change)

- Wednesday, September 8, 2010 Steer Tag-in (Fairgrounds), 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 11, 2010 Steer Tag-in (Fairgrounds & Palacios), 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, October 22, 2010 Fair Entry/Release Forms and Fees due for Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry/Poultry Orders
- Friday, October 22, 2010 Commercial Heifer Tag-in Deadline
- Friday, November 5, 2010 Due date for excused absences for November 14th (Lamb and Goat Tag-in/Validation)
- Saturday, November 13, 2010 Steer Showmanship Clinic (Fairgrounds), 9:00 a.m.
Tag-in for Lambs and Goats (Fairgrounds), 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, November 19, 2010 Late entry fee deadline
- Friday, December 3, 2010 Due date for excused absences for December 11th Swine Tag-in/Validation
Bucket Calf entries due
- Saturday, December 11, 2010 Steer Showmanship Clinic (Fairgrounds), 9:00 a.m.
Swine Tag-in (Fairgrounds), 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, January 8, 2011 Steer Showmanship Clinic (Fairgrounds) 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 19, 2011 Tentative date for Poultry Pickup, Place & Time TBA
- Thursday, January 27, 2011 Meat Pen Rabbit Validation (Fairgrounds), 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 5, 2011 Steer Showmanship Clinic (Fairgrounds), 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, February 25, 2011 Commercial Heifer Check-in 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. followed by Judging at 6:30 p. m.
- Saturday, February 26, 2011 Commercial Heifer Show at 8:00 a.m.; Sale at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1, 2011 Lamb and Goat Weigh-in, 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2, 2011 Goat Judging & Showmanship, 1:00 p.m.
Lamb Judging & Showmanship, follows Goat Show
Meat Pen Rabbit Show Judging & Showmanship, 7:00 a.m.
Poultry Sift, Judging & Showmanship, 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 3, 2011 Swine Judging & Showmanship, 7:30 a.m.
Steer Judging & Showmanship, 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, March 4, 2011 Livestock and Horse Judging
Bucket Calf Show, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 5, 2011 Jr. Livestock Auction, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, March 6, 2011 Fairgrounds Cleanup, 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, March 25, 2011 Stamped, Addressed, Unsealed THANK YOU letters must be turned in at the **Extension Office if you are a 4-H Exhibitor and to your Ag Science Instructor if you are an FFA Exhibitor** in order to receive your check. Thank you letters must be written to:

Commercial Heifer Sale Buyers and people who make Add-On's
Jr. Livestock Auction Buyers and people who make Add-On's
Belt Buckle Sponsors
Calf Scramble \$100 Donors & T-Shirt Sponsors

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the final absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of this show will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the Association Committee may order.
- II. **Liability**--Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the entry blanks, and shall indemnify the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to other persons or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibits exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the exhibits so exhibited.
- III. **No-Pass, No-Play**--The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities 33.081-33.083.
 - Provides that a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League during the first three weeks of the grade reporting periods after grade reporting periods in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than an identified honors or advance class. After a six-week grade reporting period or after the first six weeks of a semester or grade reporting period, in the case of a district with a reporting period longer than six weeks, a child who receives a grade below 70 is suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for three weeks, and for three week intervals thereafter if all grades are not above 70.
 - A suspended student may practice or rehearse with other students for an extracurricular activity but may not participate in a competition or other public performance.
 - Provides that a student enrolled in a school district who participates in an extracurricular activity or UIL competition is subject to school district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any other time specified by resolution of the board of trustees of the district.
 - Requires all UIL rules approved for the current year.

This rule is an effort to stress the importance of education. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association's goal is "*Serving Today's Youth..... Tomorrow's Future.*" Every youth exhibitor wanting to enter the Fair will be responsible for their grades. The MCF&LA will contact all schools regarding eligibility on all contestants/exhibitors. This rule will be enforced by the MCF&LA for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. If they are not passing, they will not be allowed to enter their exhibits in the Fair. This rule will include all 4-H, FFA, and FHA projects.

Students who were eligible shall not lose eligibility until seven calendar days after the end of the grading period. **EXAMPLE:** Grading period ends on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Students shall not regain or lose their eligibility until the following Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The Matagorda County Fair Board will support the decision of the schools in cases of ineligibility for academic or other disciplinary reasons.

- IV. **Excused Absences for November 13, 2010 (Lamb & Goat Tag-In) & December 11 (Swine Tag-In)** - Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) for Fair Board approval prior to November 5, 2010 for the November 13th Lamb & Goat tag-in and by December 3, 2010 for the December 11th Swine Tag-in. The event has to be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.
- V. **Excused Absences for March Show and Auction** – Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two hours prior to the event. The event has to be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.
- VI. **Curfew**--Curfew on Wednesday will be 11:00 p.m. till 5:30 a.m. the following day. No one (with the exception of the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and/or official veterinarian) will be allowed in the Livestock barns. On other days, curfew will begin at midnight. Security will be provided. Lights will be out and all exhibitors are to be off the premises of the fairgrounds at this time. **Failure to comply with curfew rules will result in a \$25.00 penalty fine, deductible from the sales or premium check, or exhibit will not be eligible to sell at auction.**
- VII. **Protests**--All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair entries must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once championship judging has commenced, NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' and Classifiers' decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen. (The protest procedure excludes the substance abuse protest procedure.)

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Competition** - Only Junior entrants will be allowed to exhibit market stock and participate in the auction sale.
2. **Official Veterinarians** - Ralph Cole, Maxine Kubecka, Leslie Moczgamba, Warren Criswell, Randy Volkmer, and Laffy Saha.
3. **Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** - A junior entrant must be a member of an organized 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and a resident of Matagorda County and/or the Palacios School District; must be enrolled in the public or private schools to be eligible to exhibit in the market division; must own his own exhibit individually for the specified length of time required in each of the classes, must have fed his exhibit under the supervision of the Matagorda County Extension Agents or County High School Agricultural Science Instructors.
 - a. All Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag in until the animal release date at the fair. All entries must be kept in Matagorda County and/or in the Palacios School District at the physical address shown on the entry form. The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the MCFLA board. Exceptions include participating in a major show, animal is under listed veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required by a board approval veterinarian), or other reasons approved by the Board. Please notify the Fair office by email, phone or fax with a confirmation of receipt before leaving the county. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued. All agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spot check feeders at any time. Violations will make the animal and exhibitor ineligible for the current year's fair. A second offense will make the family ineligible indefinitely.
4. **Application for Entry/Entry Fee/Release and Indemnity Agreement**
 - a. There is a non-refundable \$20.00 entry fee for each exhibitor. (Bucket Calf participants \$10 entry fee)
 - b. The Entry Form/Release and Indemnity Agreement is in the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association Livestock Rule Book and must be completely filled out, signed, have the entry fee attached and turned in to the General Livestock Superintendent (Extension Office) by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2010, or must have an official postmark of October 22, 2010 or earlier.
 - c. Entries received and/or postmarked after October 22, 2010, and on/before November 19, 2010, will have an additional \$100.00 late fee charge, for a total of \$120.00 due.
 - d. Entries postmarked after November 19, 2010 will not be accepted.
 - e. In all cases, the right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any application for entry.
5. **Limit of Entries** - A 4-H or FFA exhibitor will be limited to one market entry. Market entries are steer, lamb, goat, swine, poultry or meat pen rabbit.
 - a. Steer, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
6. **Ownership** - Once an animal project has been tagged and tattooed by an exhibitor, ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the March Show.
7. **Changing Projects** - An exhibitor may change from one project to another after the entry deadline (October 22, 2010) by paying the late entry fee and submitting a new entry form. No exhibitor may change projects after the late entry deadline (November 19, 2010).
 - a. Upon the death of a project animal, the exhibitor may appeal to the board to waive the late fee and enter another project provided all other rules are followed.

8. **Sales Charge** - A 6.5% sales charge will be discounted from each exhibit that sells through the auction ring to help compensate for sale costs.
9. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits** - All livestock must arrive on show grounds by the schedule announced each year.
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
10. **Curfew** - Curfew on Wednesday will be 11:00 p.m. till 5:30 a.m. the following day. No one (with the exception of the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and/or official veterinarian) will be allowed in the Livestock barns. On other days, curfew will begin at midnight. Security will be provided.
11. **Release of Livestock** - All exhibits in each class may be removed as announced each year.
12. **Care of Animals** - It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care and tend to his exhibits from the time of arrival until release. MCFLA strictly prohibits any grooming or further care for show of any youth livestock project by anyone other than the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, County Agent, or ag teacher, 4-H leader or member of the 4-H or FFA that the exhibitor is a member of.
13. **Cleaning of Premises**
 All exhibitors who sell in the Livestock Auction will be required to be present for cleanup on the following schedule:

Poultry	Immediately following the Poultry Show. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Poultry exhibitors will also be required to be present for the Sunday cleanup.
All others	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning following the sale

 All exhibitors will check in and check out in the Main Arena. Exhibitors will need to sign in by the beginning time and sign out at the completion of the time. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will have \$200.00 deducted from their sale check. Excuses will need to be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two weeks prior to the date in question.
14. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
15. **Move grooming tables** to designated area if it is not raining.
16. **Weigh-Back** - Weigh-back rules for all market classes of steers, pigs, sheep, and goats shall be in effect. The animals placing first and second in each class will be weighed-back immediately. Swine will have a 10 pound weigh-back and steers, sheep and goats will have a 5% allowance on increase in weight. Exhibit will be disqualified if it exceeds weigh-back amount. There will be an advancement of places following a disqualification.
17. **All judges** will be selected as soon as possible after April 1. Judges will be selected by Agents, Teachers, and Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association.
18. **All exhibitors must adhere to the Substance Avoidance Program.**
19. **Assigning space** will be done through the Main Office with the assistance of Department Chairman. No person shall take possession of a stall or coop without having been so assigned.
20. **The Livestock Chairman** shall be responsible for enforcing rules requiring disqualification.
21. **Sale Order numbers** - Sale Order cards indicating your sale order number **must** be worn by all exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Auction and when taking your picture by the Fair Photographer with your buyer.

You should pick up your card at the Auction Sales Office or designated location on Friday or before the sale starts on Saturday.

22. **No Decorations on Auction Animals** - Animals cannot be decorated for the Auction.
23. **Thank you Notes required from exhibitors who:**
 - Sold their animal project in the Junior Livestock Auction or Commercial Heifer Sale
 - Had someone/business make an Add-On to their project in the sale
 - Had a Belt Buckle Sponsor
 - Received a Calf Scramble \$100 Award (Calf Scramble T-Shirt Sponsor thank you also required)
- 4-H Exhibitors** - All 4-H exhibitors **MUST** turn in their "addressed, stamped, unsealed **THANK YOU** letter(s)" at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011, in order to receive their check.
- FFA Exhibitors** - All FFA exhibitors **MUST** turn in their "addressed, stamped, unsealed **THANK YOU** letter(s)" to their Ag Science Instructor by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011, in order to receive their check.
- Please allow the Extension Office one week after the auction to compile the buyer's address list. Buyer names and addresses will then be mailed to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors and Ag Science Instructors.
24. **Livestock Judging Contest** - The Fair Association reserves the right to use animals for the Livestock Judging Contest.
25. **Photos** - Exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing buyer's photograph and picking it up at the Fair Office at the Fairgrounds. A \$10 fee will be deducted from sale proceeds.
26. **Drug Hold** - Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.
27. **Auction Sale Numbers** -The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show. The sale numbers will be determined by the following:
 - 90% of the steers will sell up to a maximum of 75 steers.
 - All other species will sell an equal percentage.
28. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
29. **Resale Animals** - All steers, swine, goats and lambs that go to "resale" may be shipped out Saturday night after 11 p.m.
30. **Animal donated back to Exhibitor** - Any animal donated back to the exhibitor will go to resale and the resale amount will be included in the exhibitor's check. Exhibitor wishing to keep their animal must notify the Auction Sales Office by 6:00 p.m., day of sale.
31. **Substance Abuse Form** - The following statement has been added to the Substance Abuse Form (#3) and to the Jr. Livestock Entry Form and Commercial Heifer Entry Form: "The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals."
32. **Minimum Entries** - Any livestock division that has ten or less entries may be eliminated from the following years show.

STEERS

All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents-Ag and 4-H, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spotcheck feeders at any time.

GENERAL

1. Only one steer may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. No nurse cows permitted.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. All steers must be in their assigned stall between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and back in their stall by 10:00 p.m.

VALIDATION

1. A calf, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
 - a. Steer exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
2. The official tag-in and tattoo dates and stations will be:

Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. , Fairgrounds, Bay City

or

Saturday, September 11, 2010, 8:00- 9:00 a.m. , Fairgrounds, Bay City or Ag Farm, Palacios.

3. All steers and exhibitors must be present for tag-in unless excused with a written notice. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor must be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) and can be excused only by the Fair Board. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the steer to be absent.
4. If the official MCFLA ear tag is removed or accidentally torn out, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the General Livestock Superintendent of the Matagorda County Fair Association. The supervisor will then retag the steer if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.
5. Steers can be replaced within 30 days of tag-in date if it dies or is permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
6. All steers, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
7. A steer tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.
8. All calves will be dehorned (no visible horn) and castrated by knife prior to September Tag-In. Any steer not dehorned or castrated by September Tag-in will be given one week to correct after which they will be disqualified. The one week exemption is only valid for the 2011 tag-in.

SHOWMANSHIP CLINICS

1. Four steer showmanship clinics have been scheduled. Each steer exhibitor is required to attend two of the four clinics with their steer. Failure to comply will make the exhibitor and the steer ineligible for the March Show. Exhibitor must exhibit steer to the satisfaction of the Showmanship Judge to receive credit for clinic. Exhibitor must sign the attendance sheet when leaving the clinic. The Showmanship Clinics are scheduled for:

Saturday, November 13, Fairgrounds, Scales available at 8:00 a.m.. Showmanship at 9:00 a.m.								
Saturday, December 11,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Saturday, January 8,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Saturday, February 5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

MARCH SHOW

1. **Steer weigh-in: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2011**
All steers must be present before 8:00 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
3. **Steer judging: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**
4. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the March Show weigh-in. Any steer weighing less than 1,000 pounds at the March weigh-in will be sifted and not allowed to show. There will be a weight tolerance of 10 pounds even at the official weigh-in. No tolerance will be allowed above the 5% allowance on the weigh-back.
5. **Weigh-Back** - Steers placing first and second in each class will be weighed-back immediately. Steers will have a 5% allowance on increase in weight. Exhibit will be disqualified if it exceeds weigh-back amount. There will be an advancement of places following a disqualification.
6. There will be two (2) divisions in the Steer Show, American and All Other Breeds (AOB).
7. Divisions will be defined as:
 - American - steers showing phenotypic evidence of at least 1/4 blood Brahman influence, and
 - AOB - purebred or crossbred steers of all other breed influences
8. Classification will be conducted at the show by three Classifiers. The classifiers' decision is final.
9. There must be at least 10 steers in each division to constitute a Breed Division. In the event that there are less than 10 steers in a division, all will show as AOB.
10. All steers that were tagged and tattooed in September will be rechecked at County Show weigh-in.
11. Steers will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the steer. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
12. Stalls will be assigned by the Steer Superintendent prior to the Show.
13. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
14. **Short Hair Rule** - All steers will be clipped to have no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the animal's body upon arrival at the show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. Any steer found in minor violation of this rule will be sent to a designated area where the exhibitor will be given a chance to comply with the 1/4" rule. A maximum of thirty minutes will be allowed to clip the areas in question. Then the steer will be rechecked, if in violation the steer will be eliminated. Clipping is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

15. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, will be disqualified.
16. No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that causes color to be removed from the steer will not be allowed. No grooming powders or graphite will be allowed on steers. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
17. No blow dryers, no clippers, and no generators will be allowed. One trimming chute per 4-H club or FFA chapter will be allowed.
18. UNRULY STEERS:
 - a. The Livestock Committee shall interpret and enforce any and all rules and regulations of the Livestock Division of MCFA. The MCFA Board of Directors shall appoint Steer Marshals who shall govern the control of "Unruly Steers" shown during the MCFA steer judging. These officials have the right to "Disqualify or Remove" any animal deemed harmful, in order to prevent injury to other exhibitors. Anyone attempting to interfere with these Officials before or during the decision making process will automatically disqualify the entry in contention. Our only purpose is to prevent injury to all competitors entered in the Livestock Show.
 - b. Once the steer is in the Holding Pen (Make Up Area), only the Exhibitor is allowed to handle the animal. Only one warning will be given in the Holding Pen (Make Up Area) or Show Ring. On the second warning, the Exhibitor will be asked to tie their animal to the fence. The animal will be placed at the bottom of that class in the order they were removed. The Exhibitor must stay with their animal until the judging is finished.
 - c. **All decisions made by the Steer Marshals will be final. There will be no Appeals.**
19. No one other than show officials and exhibitors will be allowed in ring during judging at any time.
20. Classes:
 - a. Divisions will be broken down by weight into 3 classes if there are 20 or more head in a division. Less than 20 will constitute 2 classes. There will be a total of six classes. EXAMPLE: If a division drops to 2 classes, then the other division will have 4 classes.
 - b. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion steer will be selected from the Champions and Reserve Champions of each weight class.
 - c. The Champion and Reserve Champion of each weight class will automatically be in the auction.
 - d. A percentage of each class will sell in the auction based on the total number of steers to be sold in the auction. The number of steers from each class in the auction will be awarded blue, red and white ribbons to determine their placing in the auction.
 - e. If an exhibitor with a steer tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.
21. AB and AOB Champion and Reserve Champion will be recognized.
22. Steer Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions will show in the Main Arena Thursday evening at approximately 6:00 p.m. for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion and overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion selection.

23. Showmanship

- a. **Steer Showmanship: Thursday, March 3, 2011, following judging.**
- b. Participants in the showmanship classes will be determined by the Showmanship Judge during the steer judging.
- c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2010. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
- d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
- e. Exhibitor must show their own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
- f. Only the animal tagged for the 2011 MCFLA Show can be shown in the Showmanship competition.

24. Auction

- a. All steers will be sold by the head.
- b. All champion and reserve champion entries will be sold at the Fair Auction.
- c. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to have his entry in the auction ring at the proper time, **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence.** The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, his/her steer may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor who sells through the auction sale to care for the exhibit until the exhibit is claimed by the purchaser. All market entries sold at the Auction sale must be released to the purchaser.
- e. The exhibitor is responsible for delivering or carrying out buyer's instructions for delivery. **If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.**

25. Release of Animal

- a. Any exhibitor that does not make the sale must remove his/her steer prior to 5:00 p.m. the day of the show.
- b. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- c. **Animals left unattended** after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.

26. Drug Withdrawal Period - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

LAMBS

All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents-Ag and 4-H, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spotcheck feeders at any time.

GENERAL

1. Only one lamb may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Only docked lambs (females or wethers) will be eligible. Any female lamb showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.

VALIDATION (November 13, 2010)

1. A lamb, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
All lambs and exhibitors must be present between **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2010, Fairgrounds, Bay City**, unless excused with a written notice.
 - a. Lamb exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
2. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor must be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) for Fair Board approval prior to November 5, 2010. (See Rule IV in MCFLA GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS). In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the lamb to be absent.
3. Tooth rule - No lamb may have a permanent tooth breaking the gum when checked at the November Tag-In.
4. Lambs can be replaced on or before December 13, 2010 if they die or are permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
5. All male lambs must be wethers at tag-in.
6. All lambs, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
7. All lambs tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.

MARCH SHOW

1. **Lamb weigh- in 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011**
All lambs must be present before 8:00 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
3. **Lamb judging: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, following completion of the Goat Show**
4. All lambs must be shorn within 21 days of show.

5. Classes will be determined as follows:
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| 1 - 13 lambs | 1 weight class |
| 14 - 28 lambs | 2 weight classes |
| 29 - 39 lambs | 3 weight classes |
| 40 - 50 lambs | 4 weight classes |
| 50 + lambs | 5 weight classes |
- a. Champion and Reserve Champion of each class will be placed in sale order.
- b. After judging of classes, the Showmanship Class will be judged.
- c. A percentage of each class will sell in the auction based on the total number of lambs to be sold in the auction. The number of lambs from each class in the auction will be awarded blue, red and white ribbons to determine their placing in the auction.
- d. If an exhibitor with a lamb tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.
6. **Weigh-Back** - Lambs placing first and second in each class will be weighed-back immediately. Lambs will have a 5% allowance on increase in weight. Exhibit will be disqualified if it exceeds weigh-back amount. There will be an advancement of places following a disqualification.
7. Lambs will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the lamb. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
8. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
9. Showmanship
- a. **Lamb Showmanship: Thursday, March 3, 2011, following judging.**
- b. Participants in the showmanship classes will be determined by the Showmanship Judge during the lamb judging.
- c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2010. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
- d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles
- e. Exhibitor must show their own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
- f. Only the animal tagged for the 2011 MCFLA Show can be shown in the Showmanship competition.

10. Auction

- a. The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show.
- b. All champion and reserve champion entries will be sold at the Fair Auction.
- c. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to have his entry in the auction ring at the proper time, **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence**. The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, his/her lamb may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor who sells through the auction sale to care for the exhibit until the exhibit is claimed by the purchaser. All market entries sold at Auction sale must be released to the purchaser.
- e. The exhibitor is responsible for delivering or carrying out buyer's instructions for delivery. **If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.**

11. Release of Animal

- a. Any exhibitor that does not make the sale must remove his/her lamb before 10:30 p.m. the day of the show.
- b. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- c. **Animals left unattended** after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.

12. Drug Withdrawal Period - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

GOATS

All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents-Ag and 4-H, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spotcheck feeders at any time.

GENERAL

1. Only one goat may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Any breed or crossbreed goat (females or wethers) will be eligible. Any female goat showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge.
3. Goats must be dehorned or tipped by tag-in. If tipped they must be no smaller than the diameter of a dime. No tipping or dehorning will be allowed on the fairgrounds. If not tipped by November 13, 2010, the goat will be disqualified.
4. Goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds at the show. Goats will be allowed one weigh-in only.
5. All goats, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
6. All goats tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.
7. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.

VALIDATION (November 13, 2010)

1. A goat, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
2. All goats and exhibitors must be present between **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2010, Fairgrounds, Bay City**, unless excused with a written notice.
 - a. Goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
3. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor must be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) for Fair Board approval prior to November 5, 2010. (See Rule IV in MCFLA GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS). In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be present for tagging and tattooing. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the goat to be absent.
4. Tooth rule - No goat may have a permanent tooth breaking the gum when checked at the November Tag-In.
5. Goats can be replaced on or before December 13, 2010 if they die or are permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
6. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any goat that has been implanted will be disqualified.
7. All male goats must be wethers at tag-in.

MARCH SHOW

1. **Goat weigh-in: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011**
All goats must be present before 8:00 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.

3. **Goat judging: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 1:00 p.m.**
4. All goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up with the exception of the tail switch.
5. No artificial paints, powders, or coloring may be used on the goat.
6. Goats will be shown with a collar, show chain or halter. The use of any chain that has "spikes" or any chain that has been altered to have points of any type will not be allowed.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to brace their goat during judging.
8. Classes will be determined as follows:

1 - 13 goats	1 weight class
14 - 28 goats	2 weight classes
29 - 39 goats	3 weight classes
40 - 50 goats	4 weight classes
50 + goats	5 weight classes

 - a. A percentage of each class will sell in the auction based on the total number of goats to be sold in the auction. The number of goats from each class in the auction will be awarded blue, red and white ribbons to determine their placing in the auction.
 - b. If an exhibitor with a goat tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.
 - c. The goat must be shown by the exhibitor who owns the goat. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
 - d. Pens will be assigned by the Goat Superintendent.
9. **Weigh-Back** - Goats placing first and second in each class will be weighed-back immediately. Goats have a 5% allowance on increase in weight. Exhibit will be disqualified if it exceeds weigh-back amount. There will be an advancement of places following a disqualification.
10. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
11. Showmanship
 - a. **Goat Showmanship: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, following judging.**
 - b. Participants in the showmanship classes will be determined by the Showmanship Judge during the lamb judging.
 - c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2010. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - e. Exhibitor must show their own animal to be eligible in the showmanship competition.
 - f. Only the animal tagged for the 2011 MCFLA Show can be shown in the Showmanship competition.

12. Auction

- a. The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show.
- b. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to have his entry in the auction ring at the proper time, **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence**. The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, his/her goat may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor who sells through the auction sale to care for the exhibit until the exhibit is claimed by the purchaser. All market entries sold at Auction sale must be released to the purchaser.
- d. The exhibitor is responsible for delivering or carrying out buyer's instructions for delivery. **If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.**

13. Release of Animal

- a. Any exhibitor that does not make the sale must remove his/her goat before 10:30 p.m. the day of the show.
- b. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- c. **Animals left unattended** after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.

14. Drug Withdrawal Period - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

SWINE

All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents-Ag and 4-H, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spotcheck feeders at any time.

GENERAL

1. Only one swine may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Each exhibitor limited to one barrow or open gilt.
3. The entry must weigh not less than 225 pounds nor more than 270 pounds at show weigh-in.
4. There will be a weight tolerance of 2 pounds even at the official weigh-in. No tolerance will be allowed on the weigh-back.
5. The 3rd and 4th place hogs should stay in their holding pens until the top two weigh-back.

VALIDATION (December 11, 2010)

1. Market swine, to be eligible, have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
2. All exhibitors and swine must be present **between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2010, Fairgrounds, Bay City**, unless excused with a written notice. Swine must arrive between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Only the swine tagged at this time can be shown at the County Fair.
 - a. Swine exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors may family tag one animal that will be eligible for exhibit by any eligible family member. Family members may not exhibit animals tagged in under other family members name only the designated "family tagged" animal may replace an individual's animal.
 - b. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged
3. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor must be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) for Fair Board approval prior to December 3, 2010. (See Rule IV in MCFLA GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS). In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the swine to be absent.
4. Swine can be replaced on or before January 11, 2011, if it dies or is permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).

MARCH SHOW

1. **Swine weigh-in: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2011**
All swine must be present before 8:00 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed
3. **Swine judging: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 7:30 a.m.**
4. Classes:
 - a. There will be five classes of swine determined by weight. These classes will be given a class name and class number.
 - b. An equal number of swine will be sold from each class.
5. Swine can be fitted only with water. Swine will be sifted if the Judge determines other substances have been used in the fitting for show.
6. **Weigh-Back** - Swine placing first and second in each class will be weighed-back immediately. Swine will have a 10 pound weigh-back. Exhibit will be disqualified if it exceeds weigh-back amount. There will be an advancement of places following a disqualification.

7. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
8. Swine will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the swine. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
9. When the Judge enters the main show ring, the class will be closed and no other swine will be allowed in the ring.
10. Showmanship
 - a. **Swine Showmanship: Thursday, March 3, 2011, following judging.**
 - b. Participants in the showmanship classes will be determined by the Showmanship Judge during the swine judging.
 - c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2009. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles
 - e. Exhibitor must show their own animal to be eligible in the showmanship competition.
 - f. Only the animal tagged for the 2011 MCFLA Show can be shown in the Showmanship competition.
11. Auction
 - c. The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show.
 - d. All champion and reserve champion entries will be sold at the Fair Auction.
 - e. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must be in the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to be in the auction ring at the proper time, **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence.** The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.
 - f. It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor who sells through the auction sale to care for the exhibit until the exhibit is claimed by the purchaser. All market entries sold at Auction sale must be released to the purchaser.
 - g. The exhibitor is responsible for delivering or carrying out buyer's instructions for delivery. **If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.**
12. Release of Animal
 - a. Any exhibitor that does not make the sale must remove his/her swine prior to 2:00 p.m. the day of the show.
 - b. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
 - c. **Animals left unattended** after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.
13. Drug Withdrawal Period - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

POULTRY

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GENERAL

1. Poultry exhibits will be limited to one pen of three broilers by a 4-H or FFA member.
 - a. The pen must consist of three broilers of one recognized meat breed, to be selected only from the exhibitor's individual wing band numbers.
 - b. There will be one class in the Poultry Show: Cockerel and Pullets will show together.
 - c. The exhibitor must care for the broilers prior to the show.
 - d. Chicks must be picked up the day of delivery from hatchery. Ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the March Show.

2. Chicks Orders/Delivery
 - a. All broilers must be ordered at the Extension Office by **Friday, October 22, 2010**.
 - b. Tentative Date for broiler pickup is Wednesday, January 19, 2011.
 - c. All broilers are ordered and distributed from same hatchery.
 - d. Poultry orders will be 50 broilers per exhibitor.
 - e. An exhibitor must own his entry on date order is received.
 - f. Upon delivery, each exhibitor is responsible for verifying the wing band numbers and that chicks are properly banded.
 - g. Each exhibitor will be allowed to replace a maximum of five birds at the time of pick up (other than no wing band/dead bird).

MARCH SHOW

1. **Poultry Sift: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2011.**
All poultry must be present by 7:30 a.m. Judging will follow.

2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed

3. Each exhibitor is responsible for checking his/her wing band numbers from the day they are picked up until the day of the show. Make sure the chicks you pick up are numbers you can use at the show.

- 4.. If for whatever reason during the raising of your broilers a wing band is lost from a broiler, at that time the broiler becomes ineligible for the show.

5. All poultry boxes brought to the show must contain name and address of exhibitor and wing band numbers. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged if box and/or alternate is left.

6. An exhibitor may bring one, and only one, extra broiler in case one of the first three broilers examined by the sifter does not meet the necessary qualifications.

7. All poultry will draw for pen assignments.

8. All poultry must be in place by designated judging time.

9. All poultry exhibits will be placed from last to first.

10. The pens making the sale will be classified into blue, red and white classifications and such ribbons will be awarded when justified. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion entries of each class will be selected from blue award pens and will be awarded appropriate belt buckles.
11. Showmanship
 - a. **Poultry Showmanship: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, following judging.**
 - b. Open to all exhibitors who have poultry entered in this division.
 - c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2010. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles
 - e. Exhibitor must show their own poultry to be eligible in the showmanship competition.
12. Auction
 - a. The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show.
 - b. All champion and reserve champion entries will be sold at the Fair Auction.
 - c. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must be in the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to be in the auction ring at the proper time, **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence.** The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.
13. All broilers will be taken home after judging by the exhibitor with the exception of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion which will be put on display.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor to care for the exhibit until it is released on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors must be present at 8:00 a.m. Sunday to take exhibit home.**
15. Vouchers provided by the Fair Association will be given to the buyers for broilers.

MEAT PEN RABBIT

All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents-Ag and 4-H, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spotcheck feeders at any time.

GENERAL

1. Rabbit judges do not have to be American Rabbit Breeders Association judges.
2. All entry forms and fees are due in the Extension Office on **Friday, October 22, 2010.**
3. All stock must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and must be permanently, clearly tattooed in rabbit's right ear.
4. An exhibitor can kindle their own bunnies or buy four week old bunnies, but if you buy you must own forty-two days prior to show date.
5. Ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the March Show.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

1. Any entry showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, sore hocks, signs of cold or sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange, vent disease, sore and runny eyes, broken teeth and toenails, or other contagious or disqualifying features will be excluded from exhibition.

VALIDATION (January 27, 2011)

1. Meat Pen Rabbits, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by prescribed validation dates.
2. All exhibitors and rabbits must be present for tag-in unless excused with a written notice. All rabbits to be entered in the County Show must be validated on **Thursday, January 27, 2011, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds, Bay City.**
3. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor must be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) for Fair Board approval prior to January 11, 2011. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the rabbits must be tattooed.
4. Limited to ten bunnies for tag-in per exhibitor.
5. Age limit not over seventy-five days at Show. Weight limit: each rabbit may not weigh over five pounds, nor can they weigh under three pounds at the March Show.
6. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits, and one alternate rabbit, all the same breed and variety.
7. New Zealand and Californian breeds only. New Zealand rabbits must be "white". Mixed breed rabbits cannot be entered into this show.

MARCH SHOW

1. **Meat Pen Rabbits Check-in: 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Judging will follow.**
All Meat Pen Rabbits must be on the grounds by 7:00 a.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed
3. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed in the judging area.
4. Only rabbit exhibitors and their rabbits will be allowed in the judging arena during the rabbit show.
5. A pre-sift will occur during weigh in during the rabbit show. This pre-sift will be conducted by a qualified individual such as an agriculture science teacher or committee person. The pre-sift will be to check for disqualifications as stated in the rules. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the show area and will not be accepted for judging.
6. No carriers will be allowed under judging tables at any time.

7. The rabbits presented to the committee to be weighed will be the exhibitors "Official Entry". One alternate will be allowed, if not used will be removed. There will be no changes after judging begins.
8. Judging will begin with Meat Pens and followed by showmanship classes.
9. Showmanship
 - a. **Rabbit Showmanship: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, following judging.**
 - b. Open to all exhibitors who have an animal entered in this division.
 - c. There will be three Age Divisions based on 4-H age, that is, age as of August 31, 2010. The three Age Divisions are: Juniors: 8, 9 and 10 year olds, Intermediate: 11, 12 and 13 year olds, and Seniors: 14 and up.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles
 - e. Exhibitor must show their own animal to be eligible in the showmanship competition.
 - f. The exhibitor must select one of the three rabbits exhibited in the Meat Pen division to show in the Showmanship competition.
10. Auction
 - a. The final number will be set after the final division is weighed in at the March Show.
 - b. All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number of the auction sale list. Sale order number must be picked up at the Auction Sales Office prior to auction and worn on the front of the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who fails to be in the auction ring at the proper time **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence.** The only exception to this will be an exhibitor who has an official (written) excuse from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.
 - c. Pens making the sale will be exhibited for the length of the Fair.
 - d. Exhibitor will feed and water meat pen rabbits. Exhibitor will furnish own crock (type) water and feed containers.
 - e. All market entries sold at the Auction sale must be delivered to buyer as desired.
11. Release of Animal
 - a. Any exhibitor that does not make the sale will remove their rabbits following judging the day of the show.
 - b. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.
12. Drug Withdrawal Period - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter.
13. All Judge's decisions are final.
14. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. Parents are held responsible for all of their children's actions.

SUBSTANCE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

1. The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association shall have the authority to drug test any steer, lamb, goat or swine entered into the fair.
2. Unless otherwise established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), samples collected from show animals will have zero tolerance for any drug, chemical or feed additive.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. By signing the Entry Form, exhibitor and parents are agreeing to permit animals to be tested for drugs, chemicals, and feed additives.
5. A certification statement must be signed by exhibitor and parent/guardian stating the entry is not, nor will it be, within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by FDA and/or USDA by the time the animal is officially weighed-in at the show.
6. Any drug, chemical or feed additive administered on the show grounds and/or 30 days before show must be immediately reported in writing to show officials and shall include date, product, amount, route, administered by, medical reason for administration and withdrawal time. A drug, chemical or feed additive may be administered under the supervision of or by a licensed veterinarian only.
7. Some market animals will be drug tested at weigh-in. The exhibitors will be randomly selected for testing. These animals will be escorted to a secure area for testing after being weighed in. After judging, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each specie will be drug tested immediately after being named in same manner described above. The Board of Directors has the option to do additional testing of animals if warranted. Only the exhibitor and the parent will be allowed in the secured area.
8. Animals positive to drug tests and condemned by the USDA and FDA shall be disqualified and that ranking of animals in the show remain unchanged regardless of drug test results (i.e. reserve champion wouldn't be moved to grand champion should the grand champion be disqualified because of a positive drug test).
9. All sale monies shall be held until drug tests are completed and monies be returned to the buyer of any animal that has positive test results.
10. When there is a violation of the substance avoidance program rules then the Livestock Chairman shall disqualify the exhibitor from exhibiting the animal and/or receiving sale monies. Additionally, any future animal exhibited in the fair by the exhibitor shall be subject to a drug test at any time. A subsequent violation by the exhibitor shall cause the loss of the exhibitor's remaining eligibility for the Fair.
11. A security procedure for handling test samples that would preserve the legality of test results shall be established.
12. The exhibitor shall have the right to appeal a disqualification to the Executive Committee Board by giving notice of such appeal to the Livestock Chairman within 72 hours of disqualification. This appeal shall be in writing and shall state the reasons upon which the appeal is based. A \$200.00 fee shall accompany the appeal. This \$200.00, which is to be used to cover the expense of subsequent testing and verification, is non-refundable. The exhibitor will retain possession of the animal until otherwise notified by the Livestock Chairman.

RULES FOR CALF SCRAMBLE

- 1) To participate in the beef calf scramble of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show during the rodeo performance, a participant must have reached his or her 9th birthday before the show and must not have reached his or her 18th birthday before the show and must have at least one year remaining in high school.
- 2) To be eligible, the participant must comply with all the other rules and regulations, both general and livestock department. In addition, if the participant wins in the scramble as a 4-H member, then he or she must feed and show a project at the next Matagorda County Fair as a 4-H member; or, if the participant wins in the scramble as a FFA member, then they must feed and show a project at the next Matagorda County Fair as an FFA member.
- 3) A check for \$100.00 will be awarded to each participant who catches a calf to be used on the purchase price of a project to be shown at the next Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show.

Each participant who catches a calf or is awarded a hard luck calf award must turn in their "stamped, addressed, unsealed, Thank You letters" addressed to their **calf scramble donor** and **T-shirt sponsor** by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011.

- 4-H exhibitors must turn in their Thank You letter(s) at the Extension Office.
- FFA exhibitors must turn in their Thank You letter(s) to their Ag Science Instructor.

The checks will be issued when the entry forms are completed for the next Matagorda County Fair.

- 4) The animal purchased must be chosen with the assistance of either the County Extension Agents or the Agricultural Science Teachers.
- 5) Each participant will be required to have his/her parents and a witness sign the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Release and Indemnity agreement allowing him/her to participate in the Calf Scramble.

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show
2011 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

Program Objectives

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

Tag-in/Entry Fee & Forms:	Any time prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2010 Bay City Vet Clinic or Palacios Vet Clinic, \$20.00 per pen
Tag-in Scheduling:	It is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Vet Clinic to schedule tag-in appointment.
Record Books due:	Friday, February 18, 2011, 3:30 p.m., Fair Office
Record Book Judging:	To be announced later
Heifer Check In:	Friday, February 25, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Interviews:	Friday, February 25, 2011, Location to be Announced, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Heifer Judging:	Friday, February 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m. (Exhibitor & family not present) Saturday, February 26, 2011, 8:00 a.m. (Exhibitor present)
Heifer Sale:	Saturday, February 26, 2011, 1:00 p.m., SEF
Heifer Checkout/Delivery:	Saturday, February 26, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.
Stall Cleanup:	Saturday, February 26, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.
Thank you notes due:	Friday, March 25, 2011 4-H exhibitors turn theirs in at the Extension Office FFA exhibitors turn theirs in to their Ag Science Instructor

Introduction: This project is not a part of the Junior Livestock Auction Division; therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as in the Junior Livestock Auction. (Example: You can sell a heifer or pen of heifers in addition to a steer, swine, lamb, goat, poultry, or rabbit.) However, exhibitor must abide by the General Junior Livestock Rules.

GENERAL

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by Matagorda County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag-Science Teachers and County Agents. 4-H members must be nine years of age or entering the third grade on August 31, 2010, to be eligible to participate and must abide by all Fair Rules, attendance, etc.
2. The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for Junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers.
3. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere previous to the Commercial Heifer Show at the 2011 Matagorda County Fair.
4. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the tag-in date.
5. Exhibitor MUST OWN heifers 100% throughout feeding period starting on the initial tag-in (see TAG-IN Rule #1). Exhibitor must feed and care for calves throughout feeding period.
6. No solicitation of judges by exhibitors is allowed.

7. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Papers) and Proof of Brucellosis Vaccination, All heifers entered in the Matagorda County Fair Commercial Heifer Show will be required to have the following:
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection including pregnancy test dated no more than 3 weeks prior to check-in.
 - Proof of Brucellosis vaccination obtained as the original or copy of the original certificate from the breeder or from the Texas Animal Health Commission.

The **original** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a copy of the Proof of Brucellosis Vaccination must be given to the Commercial Heifer Chairman at check-in.

A **copy** of these documents are also required in the Commercial Heifer Record Book.

8. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.

TAG-IN

- All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged at the Bay City Vet Clinic or Palacios Vet Clinic any time prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2010. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Vet Clinic to schedule tag-in appointment.
 - Forms will be available from the Fair Office, the County Extension Agents' office, or from the Ag-Science Teachers.
 - There will be an entry fee of \$20 per pen charged at the initial tag-in.
- The pen of three (3) competition must have at least three (3) head and no more than five (5) head tagged in. To be able to compete, there must be at least three heifers. If not, the remaining heifers will be eligible to sell in the sale but ineligible to compete for awards, provided there are less than 36 pens showing.
- There will be two classes:
 - Open Class:
 - Pen of 3 unaltered heifers: 12 - 20 months old on day of sale
 - All heifers in the Open Class must be sold guaranteed open.
 - Bred Class:
 - Pen of 3 unaltered heifers: 18 - 30 months old on day of sale
 - All heifers in the Bred Class must be palpated, safe in calf a minimum of 60 days or have a calf at side at check-in.
 - Heifers that are 18 months or older are required by Texas Animal & Health Commission to be tested or bled for Brucellosis.
 - The exhibitor will be required to furnish breeding information in regard to the breed of bull used, birth weight of bull (if available) and breeding date.
 - If calves are born, they must be tagged with same number as the dam, tagged by a veterinarian or Extension Agent. Official MCFLA tags must be used.
 - No substitute or orphan calf can be used to replace bred heifer's calf. Exhibitor guarantees the pair.
- All heifers must be Brucellosis calthood vaccinated by the initial tag-in.
- If the official MCFLA ear tag is removed or accidentally torn out, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the General Livestock Superintendent of the Matagorda County Fair Association. The supervisor will then retag the heifer if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.

RECORD BOOK & EXHIBITOR INTERVIEW

1. Record Books are **mandatory** for **ALL** exhibitors and must be turned in to the Fair Office no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2011. See "Pen of 3 Record Book Outline" guidelines/examples.
 - a. Exhibitors must have a statement signed by the breeder showing the heifers' birth date as a part of their Record Book.
 - b. Record Book must contain a **copy** of the Brucellosis vaccination paper and a **copy** of the health papers.
2. Individual exhibitor interviews will be Friday, February 26, 2010, Location to be Announced, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If you are unable to be present for the interview, you will receive no points.
3. Scoring System
 - a. Record Book 20
 - b. Interview 10
 - c. Heifers' Characteristics 65
 - d. Exhibitor Showmanship 5100

FEBRUARY SHOW

1. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission Rules governing entry in the Matagorda County Fair. Please check with your veterinarian for regulations concerning Stock Shows and Sales within thirty days before the Fair.
2.
 - a. Heifers will be checked in for the Fair on Friday, February 25, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Matagorda County Fair Grounds. The **original** health papers and an original if available or a copy of the Brucellosis vaccination papers must be presented to the Heifer Committee Chairman at this time, **before the heifers are checked in**.
 - b. Any heifer(s) that does not comply with health certificates at check-in or with the rules stated in the MCFLA Jr. Commercial Heifer Show rules will automatically make the pen ineligible for placement for show. However, the qualified heifers of that pen are eligible to sell at the end of the auction.
 - c. If an exhibitor wishes not to sell in the Jr. Commercial Heifer Auction, they must notify the Heifer Chairman or Livestock Chairman at heifer check-in to make their heifers ineligible for placement and sale.
3. Pen of heifers will be judged on Friday, February 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m. (Exhibitor & family not present) and on Saturday, February 26, 2011, 8:00 a.m. (Exhibitor present).
4. Classes will consist of the following: Bred Class and Open Class
 - a. Pen of three (3) unaltered heifers
 - b. Grand Champion pen of three (3) unaltered heifers
 - c. Reserve Grand Champion pen of three (3) unaltered heifers
 - d. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend the class, to adjust according to the number of entries.
5. Auction
 - a. A maximum of 36 pens of heifers will sell. In the event we have over 36 pens, pens without three eligible heifers according to the guidelines will be ineligible.
 - b. All eligible heifers must sell on Saturday, February 26, 2011.
 - c. All exhibitors selling an entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry to the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Any exhibitor who fails to have his entry in the auction ring at the proper time **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence**. The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, his/her heifers may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.

- d. A 6½% sales charge will be discounted from each exhibit that sells through the sale ring to help compensate for sale costs.
 - e. In order to comply with the National Law on Beef check-off, one dollar (\$1) will be deducted from the sales price of each heifer.
 - f. **Photos** - Exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing buyer's photograph and picking it up at the Fair Office at the Fairgrounds. A \$10 fee will be deducted from sale proceeds.
6. All heifers will be released immediately following the sale and must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011.
 7. All exhibitors must be present to release heifers. The exhibitor is responsible for delivery of his heifers to the buyer.
 8. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyer and will remain sold.
 9. Cleaning of Premises - Each exhibitor will be required to keep his own exhibition area or areas clean and the aisle in front of these areas. After release of exhibit, each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning of his area or areas. **A \$50.00 fee will be deducted from the sales or premium checks if exhibit areas are not cleaned satisfactorily by the exhibitor.** Each exhibitor must have his area clean by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011.
 10. **Thank you Notes required** - All exhibitors who sell in the auction **MUST** turn in their "unsealed, stamped **THANK YOU** letter(s)" addressed to their buyer(s), people/businesses who make an add-on, and belt buckle sponsors by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011 in order to receive their check.
 - 4-H exhibitors must turn in their Thank You letter(s) at the Extension Office. Checks will be mailed to these 4-H exhibitors at a date to be determined later. If a Thank You letter(s) is not received by due date, the check will be held until a Thank You letter(s) is received. The check will then be mailed.
 - FFA exhibitors must turn in their Thank You letter(s) to their Ag Science Instructor. Checks will be ready for Ag Instructors at a date to be determined later. FFA exhibitors will receive their checks from their Ag Science Instructor.
 - Buyer names and addresses will be available at the Extension Office.
 11. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Matagorda County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rule pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program.
 12. The commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.

**2011 Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show
Commercial Heifer Show**

**Pen-of-Three
Record Book Outline**

- I. Record Book "Cover Sheet"-- example attached*
- II. Breeder Information Page - example attached*
 - A. Breed of each heifer and the standards used for selecting that breed
 - B. Heifer's identification numbers
 - C. Birth date of each heifer (month and year)
- III. Summary of Expenses - example attached*
 - A. Purchase date and price of each heifer
 - B. Feed and forage
 - C. Veterinary Bills (all medicines/vaccines and precondition)
 - D. Other Expenses
 - E. Equipment purchased
 - F. Tack purchased
- IV. Story / Knowledge & Skills Learned, such as
 - A. Clinics attended
 - B. Hands on experience
 - C. Information obtained
- V. Pictures - Show progression of your project from beginning to end
- VI. Health Papers - required (copies)
 - A. Brucellosis
 - B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health papers)

*The examples attached can be used although other forms qualify as long as they contain all pertinent information.

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show
2011 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

Pen of Three Record Book

"Cover Sheet"

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Exhibitor's Date of Birth: _____

4-H Club: _____

FFA Chapter: _____

Exhibitor's Signature

Parent's Signature

County Extension Agent or Ag-Science Instructor Signature

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show
2011 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

**Breeder Information Page
(OPEN CLASS)**

Exhibitor Name: _____

Heifer Numbers: _____

Breed of Heifers: _____

Heifers Birth Date: _____

Breeder Name: _____

Breeder Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

County: _____

Other Remarks: _____

Breeder's Signature

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show
2011 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

**Breeder Information Page
(BRED CLASS)**

Exhibitor Name: _____

Heifer Numbers: _____

Breed of Heifers: _____

Heifers Birth date: _____

Breed of Bull (Bull/Heifer is bred to): _____

Birth weight of Bull (if available): _____

Breeding Date: _____

Breeder Name: _____

Breeder Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

County: _____

Other Remarks: _____

Breeder's Signature

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Items	Results
1. Initial cost of heifers	
2. Number animals fed	
3. Number days on pasture	
4. Total pounds of feed fed	
5. Total pounds of roughage fed	
6. Total cost of feed and roughage	
7. Pasture rent	
8. Total roughage/feed and pasture rent (add lines 6 and 7)	
9. Feed and pasture cost per animal (Item 8 divided Item 2)	
10. Veterinary costs	
11. Other costs	
12. "Break-even" cost per head (Item 1+8+10+11 divided by Item 2)	
13. Estimated Market Value of Heifers	per hd
14. Projected Profit (Item 13 - Item 12)	

**2011 Matagorda County
Junior Commercial Heifer
Recordbook Score Sheet**

20 point basis

I.	Cover Sheet	½
II.	Breeder Information Page	½
III.	Summary of Expenses	3
IV.	Story/Knowledge & Skills Learned . . .	12
V.	Pictures	3
VI.	Health Papers	<u>1</u>
		20

2011 MATAGORDA COUNTY JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER SCORE SHEET

Pen #	Local Ranchers' scores					Commercial Heifer Judge scores				Record Book 1 - 20	Interview 1 - 10	TOTAL POINTS 100
	Uniformity 1 - 10	Disposition 1 - 5	Feminity 1 - 5	Breeding & Body Condition 1 - 10	Exhibitor Showmanship 1 - 5	Uniformity 1 - 15	Disposition 1 - 5	Feminity 1 - 5	Breeding & Body Condition 1 - 10			
1												
2												
3												

BUCKET CALF CONTEST
Rules & Information

1. Entries close Friday, December 3, 2010.
2. Entry Form will not be accepted without Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Release and Indemnity Agreement and the \$10.00 Entry Fee.
3. Open to youth ages 5 - 8 in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, and enrolled in a Matagorda County 4-H Clover Kids Group.
4. Recommended Age of Bucket Calves: Born between October 14, 2010 and December 14, 2010.
5. Exhibitor will be allowed to show only one calf.
6. Bucket calf judging will be on child's ability to handle the calf.
7. All bucket calves will be assigned to a specific area in the SEF by superintendent, and must be in place one hour before the Bucket Calf Show.
8. All calves must be on the bucket or bottle at fair time (**no nurse cows!**)
9. All calves must be halter broke.
10. Calves may be of any breed or sex.
11. All calves will be released immediately following the event.
12. Fair rules and regulations on stall, care of livestock, and health are to be adhered to.
13. Winner will receive ribbons only. **NO PREMIUMS!**
14. Entries are not eligible for the Auction Sale.
15. Bucket calf show will be held Friday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

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MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the _____ Bucket Calf Show (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Participant's/Contestant's Signature

Parent's Signature (If Participant/Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

Witness' Signature
(required prior to submitting entry)

Exhibitor Phone No.

Date

NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.

ENTRY FORM
JR. COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per pen

Date Paid: _____

Check #/Money Order/Voucher (NO CASH): _____

Receipt #: _____

Exhibitor Name _____

Exhibitor Address _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

Parent's Name: _____

PHONE/Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ FFA Chapter or 4-H Club _____

School _____ Grade _____

Exhibitor Birth Date _____ Exhibitor age as of August 31, 2010 _____

Please check appropriate class: Open Class _____ Bred Class _____

Animal I.D. Numbers _____

Animal's Date of Birth _____

Breed of Animals _____

Breeder's Name _____

Breeder's Address _____

Breeder's County _____

Physical address/location where animal(s) will be kept: _____

I, _____, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies, and the Substance Avoidance Program. I understand that the Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules and regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show and the Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale.

Exhibitor's Signature Date Signed Parent's Signature

County Extension Agent or Ag-Science Instructor Signature

Please fill out and sign Release and Indemnity Agreement on back

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the _____ Jr. Commercial Heifer Show _____ (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Participant's/Contestant's Signature

Parent's Signature (If Participant/Contestant
is under 18 Years of Age)

Witness' Signature
(required prior to submitting entry)

Exhibitor Phone No.

Date

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**2011
ENTRY FORM
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Please Print (Fill out this form, front and back, completely and accurately.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

Parents' Name: _____

PHONE/Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____ 4-H Club or FFA Chapter _____

School _____ Grade _____

Exhibitor Birth Date _____ Exhibitor Age as of August 31, 2010 _____

Please place a checkmark by your project:

<input type="checkbox"/> Steer	Name of Steer Breeder & County: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lamb	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swine	Physical address/location of where animal(s) will be kept: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Meat Pen Rabbit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	_____

ENTRY FEE: \$ 20.00 on or before 10/22/10
LATE FEE: \$120.00 if paid 10/23/10 - 11/19/10
VALIDATION FEE: \$ _____ \$10.00 each additional animal
POULTRY ORDER: \$ 73.50 per order

Date Paid _____
 Ck/MO/Voucher # _____
 Receipt # _____

TOTAL: _____
 Please make checks payable to: *MCFLA*.
 Attach entry fee to entry form.
NO CASH

FFA Exhibitors, turn in your entry form/fee to AgScience Instructor for signature
4-H Exhibitors, turn in or mail your entry form/fee to . . . Matagorda County Extension Office
 2200 7th Street, 4th Floor, Bay City, TX 77414

I, _____, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies (pg. 5.), the Substance Avoidance Program (pg. 26), the Animal Residency Requirement (pg. 7) and Clean up requirement (pg. 8). I understand that the Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules and regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show.

Exhibitor's Signature Date Signed Parent's Signature

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