

Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc.

Constitution and By-Laws

Revised 2026

Article I Name

This organization shall be known as the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Organization".

Article II Objective

Section 1. The objective of the Organization shall be to organize and hold a county livestock show for the purpose of promoting the educational program of students engaged in FFA and 4H agricultural livestock projects.

Section 2. To achieve this objective, the Organization will provide a livestock show and agricultural mechanics project show with financial assistance from citizens and business firms of Atascosa County and cities in the counties trade area.

Section 3. In order to achieve the shows' objective, the show may be dedicated to an adult individual, company or organization. Said groups or individuals should have supported the show through services, monetary donations, or provided in kind services over a period of years. Only one group, individual or organization may be selected each year as appropriate. (2021)

Article III Organization

The Organization is a countywide nonprofit organization controlled by a Board of Directors, operating under the 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (1999)

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objectives of this Organization may apply to become a member.

Section 2. Classes. There shall be the following classes of membership:

Regular Members. All **current** directors must attend at least 50% of the regular meetings (minimum of **five**) to be qualified to vote on any motion or business.

(2011) New Members. New members that are brought in during the middle of the year must attend a minimum of three meetings to be eligible to vote on any motion or business. (2012)

Honorary Members. Any person may be elected as an honorary member by the unanimous vote of all director's present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no fights, duties, or obligations in the management of or in the property of the Organization.

Members. As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean regular member unless otherwise stated.

Article V-Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of the organization shall be held in April at the regularly scheduled meeting, unless otherwise notified (1999), for the purpose of receiving reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting as appearing on the agenda. (1999)

Section 2. Notice of Meeting. Notice of each annual meeting of the members shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each member at his last recorded address at least seven days in advance thereof setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the directors (1999), from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten members, the president shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members.

Section 4. All regular scheduled meetings of the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., are open to the general public, excluding all executive sessions. (1999)

Section 5. Board Meeting Public Participation (2018)

A. Limit on Participation. Audience participation at a board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

B. Public Comment. At regular meetings the Board shall allot an amount of time to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Person who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. No presentation shall exceed five minutes. Delegations of two or more shall appoint one person to present their view before the Board.

C. Complainants and Concerns. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the person shall be referred to the appropriate policy (ACLS Constitution & Bylaws) to seek resolution.

D. Disruption. The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any person continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the person removed from the meeting.

Section 6. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the constitution or bylaws of the Organization. (1999)

Article VI Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors. The management of the property and affairs of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected by the Board of Directors. (1999)

Section 2. Required Members. The Board of directors shall consist of four members from each Independent School district in Atascosa County, Somerset Independent School District, and one member each from the communities of Fashing, Leming/Verdi, Black Hill, Christine, Campbellton, two members from Chartered 4-H Clubs in Atascosa County (2023) and County Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers. Directors will be nominated by the Agricultural Teachers and County Agents and voted on by the Board of Directors. If no one has an interest in serving as a Director from named school districts or communities another person from another school district/community, with an interest in the organization, may be nominated by the Agriculture Teachers and County Agent to serve that area/community. (2016) Newly elected directors will assume their duties at the next scheduled meeting. (1999) If a director has been on the board for 30 years or more, he/she may be given the status of director Emeritus and still have voting privileges. (2017) Once voted on and approved by the board of directors, he/she will retain voting privileges, but will serve under the status of Director Emeritus and not be under an affiliated school/community. The school/community that has a Director Emeritus will then have the opportunity to select a new director to fill that void. (2018)

Section 3. Special Members. The past presidents of the Organization may be appointed a permanent member of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. (2011)

Section 4. Quorum. The presence of 12 of the members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose.

Section 6. Meeting and Notice. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be immediately following the annual election and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board of directors. The President or Recording Secretary shall, at the request in writing of five directors, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of each meeting shall be given to each director either by mail at least five days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each director, or by telephone or telegraphic or personal notice twenty-four hours preceding the meeting. In case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and only those matters so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

Section 7. Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such committees, as it shall determine and to delegate to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Organization, as it may deem proper.

Article VII Executive Committee

Section 1. The President (2011) may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of not less than three directors, one of which shall be the President of the Organization. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of no more than one director from any one entity. (2019)

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the officers of the Organization in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. At any meeting of the Executive Committee a majority of the total number of members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

Article VIII Officers, Duties, and Powers

Section 1. Officers. The Officers (1999) of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Executive Secretary/Treasurer, all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year which shall begin May 1st or until their successors are duly elected by the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, whom may be appointed from the general public. (1999)

Section 2. President. The President shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Organization and for executing the policies established by the Board of Directors. He shall present a report of the condition of the Organization at the annual meeting, and, at such other times as he or the directors shall deem appropriate, he shall communicate to the Board of Directors of such matters and make such suggestions as may, in his opinion, tend to promote the welfare of the Organization. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee. The President, or such other officers as he may designate in writing, shall have power to make and execute for and in the name of the organization, such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the board. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee. The President, or such other officers as he may designate in writing, shall have power to make and execute for and in the name of the organization, such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the board. He shall investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Organization and report them to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee as circumstances warrant. He shall prepare an agenda prior to each meeting and those items not listed should be discussed following agenda items if time permits.

Section 3. Vice-President. In case of the absence or disability of the President and provided he is authorized by the President or Board of Directors so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 4. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Organization and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records. He shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such

other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Recording Secretary or as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or President. He shall maintain a list of all regular and honorary members, directors, and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Organization, the Board of Directors, and committees. He shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the members, the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, special committees, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. He shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed. He shall determine eligible voters from each community when taking roll call.

Section 5. Executive Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer or may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. He shall receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors. He shall keep records for the receipts and disbursements of all monies and securities of the Organization.

Article IX Financial and Accounting

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Organization and it shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditure of same. All checks, excluding all stock show checks (1999), over the amount of \$1000 will require two signatures, one from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and one from any other officer (1999). The Facility Manager shall be on the signature card of the bank account and be able to purchase goods and services for less than \$1,000 related to upkeep and rental of the Atascosa County Show barn and grounds. (2014)

Section 2. No director, officer, or member of the Organization, with the exception of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (fee will be determined by the Board of Directors), shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument, from the Organization for services rendered as director, officer, or member. In the event the Facilities Manager is a director, officer, or member, that person may receive salary, compensation, or emolument. (Fee determined by the Board of Directors (2004)).

Section 3. All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Organization in a depository approved by the Board of Directors and all disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on the first day of May and shall end on the last day of April, at which time an audit of the Organization's books shall be required.

Section 5. Distribution of property upon dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Organization and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of the organization to the Atascosa County 4H Clubs (Current clubs – Black Hill 4-H, Charlotte 4-H, La Partia 4-H, Leming/Verdi 4-H, Lytle 4-H, Mesquite 4-H and Poteet 4-H) (2017) and the Atascosa County FFA Chapters (Jourdanton FFA, Pleasanton FFA, Poteet FFA, Charlotte FFA, Lytle FFA, and to include Somerset FFA) (1999) maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are, or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

Article X Amendments

In order to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, a written copy of the proposed amendment must be placed in the hands of all directors at least two weeks prior to the date of the next meeting of all directors at which time the amendment is to be voted on. It will be the duty of the directors of each community to see that members in his community are familiar with the amendment. A majority of the member's present will be necessary to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. This action may be done at the annual meeting or at a special meeting.

Article XI Adoption

The approval by a majority of the directors of the Organization present at a meeting of the directors shall be necessary for the adoption of this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article XII General Rules and Regulations

Section 1. The Organization reserves to its President and Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules and regulations of the show will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

Section 2. All exhibits will be under the control and the direction of the General Show Superintendent, to be appointed annually by the directors. The Organization will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibitors or any of the animals.

Section 3. All applications and entries, including Rabbits, (2017) **and Ag Mechanics Market Place Competition (2025)** shall be made online (2011) and accompanied by **an entry (2025)** a pen or stall fee of \$30.00 (2018), to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (2011) on or before the scheduled date for the November meeting. This shall also include Ag Mechanic, Showmanship and Skillathon entries with their respective entry fees (2022). Late entries will be accepted until December 20th at double entry fee (2001). After December 20th, and Entry fee of \$200.00 will be accepted one hour prior to check in or (2022) weigh in of the species (2013) or contest (2022). A receipt will be issued for the late entry payment by the livestock office prior to check in or (2022) weigh in along with a weight/entry card. (2014) No other Livestock allowed on ACLS grounds (2006).

Section 4. Animals must be shown when and in such manner as the judge may require, and if the exhibitor refuses to submit to the requirements, their animals will be ruled out.

Section 5. The single judge system is the policy of the show, and in every case, the judge is selected with utmost care. Two judges will be used to judge the Agriculture Mechanics projects (2022). Judges will be selected at the January meeting (2005). A judge/classifier and one alternate will be elected in separate elections. In the event that the elected judge is unable to attend, the alternate will be contacted. If the alternate cannot attend, another election will be

held at the next regular meeting. (2006)

Section 6. The decision of the judges and classifiers (2020) shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the appeal may be taken to the Executive Committee for their decision. There can be no appeal to this decision.

Section 7. Protest. All protests must be in writing to the Livestock Office (2020) and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, (2004) which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to the Livestock Office immediately upon the occasion for such protest. These cases are referred to the Show Superintendents, Division Superintendents, President and Executive Committee, who will have full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging/Classifying procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. (2020)

Section 8. If any exhibitor or parent (2020) whether in person or by agent, or servant interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or to the show, the Executive Committee may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or it may exclude him from competition and from the ring and may also withhold such premiums that may have been awarded.

Section 9. Should an animal awarded a prize be disqualified, animals gaining lower prizes shall graduate up into higher positions next in order above them.

Section 10. Placings will be designated by ribbons. (2006)

Section 11. Exhibitors will be limited to show no more than two animals in any one class. (2006)

Section 12. Ownership and Feeding Period. The exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of, and throughout the feeding period, and must feed and care for and exhibit their animals. During the Fitting period, exhibitor's animals must be kept at a facility approved by the supervising Ag Science Teacher or County Agent. **(2007)** The feeding and fitting period shall begin no later than the state steer validation date for steers and November 1, for market lambs and goats (2022), and November 15 for market swine (2001). Market rabbits must have been owned, fed and fitted by exhibitor no later than the rabbit validation date (2004). No feeding or fitting date shall be established for breeding cattle except that they shall have been owned by the exhibitor no less than 60 days prior to the opening date of the show. (2011) All breeding swine must be owned on prior to December 1st(2011)

Section 13. All entries in the livestock show must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed if the exhibitor has more than one entry in a class or the exhibitor has entries in more than one Department showing at the same time. Exhibitor substitutions may also be allowed in the case of sickness or other school activities. Substitutions should be requested by the AST/CEA, parent, or Adult Leader and receive the approval of the Show Superintendent. The substitute exhibitor must be a member of an Atascosa County FFA chapter or 4H club. In the event that a substitute exhibitor is used, the

substitute exhibitor will show the entry until the conclusion of the judging of the class. In case of an emergency, the Show Superintendent or Department Superintendent may use his or her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed (2006).

Section 14. If a Premium Sale buyer does not make payment to the Atascosa County Livestock Show, the ACLS will issue the exhibitors' check minus the amount of money bid by the buyer in default. The Organization will make every attempt to collect the funds from any buyer that does not honor his/her obligations, but will in no way be responsible for the shortage caused by buyer default. At such time that any past due funds are collected, a check will be issued to the exhibitor for the amount bid on his exhibit by the buyer in default, less the commission (2006).

Section 15. All awards will be made on the basis of the placing of animals.

Section 16. All animals will be numbered and numbers must be conspicuously displayed with his or her animal (2022).

Section 17. Animals will be placed and sold according to the following:

Market animals (2022) – 65% of animals in each class will place and sell - minimum of 2 per class. (2017)

Rabbits – 45% of animals in each class will place and sell-minimum of 2 per class.

(2017) Breeding animals - 50% of the number in each class will receive a ribbon.

Normal rules of rounding apply. (.49 or less round down; .5 and greater – round up)

(2016) Placings will be determined based on the number of animals that enter the show ring, not on the Official Class Placing Sheets (2022).

Section 18. An exhibitor showing an exhibit in the market division may sell only one exhibit through the premium sale. During the sale, exhibitors will be called a maximum of three times for the sale line up and if he or she is not in line, he or she will automatically forfeit their right to sell. Only the Selling Exhibitor will be allowed on Stage. If an exhibitor is not at the sale, a Sale Absence Form must be submitted and approved. Absent Exhibitors may submit a Poster/Sign to be displayed and a brief writeup of why they are not at the Auction (2024). A sale sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on Saturday morning.

Section 19. A commission of eight (2022) percent will be charged on all sales. The commission is paid to the Atascosa County Livestock Show and is used for the general operation of the Show.

Section 20. (2018) To be eligible to participate in the Atascosa County Livestock Show, exhibitors must be a member in good standing of their respective FFA chapter or 4-H club in Atascosa County AND meet one of the following:

1. Must attend school in Charlotte, Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, Poteet or Somerset Independent School District.
2. Be home schooled or attend a private school in Atascosa County and *or permanently reside in Atascosa County.* (2025)

Exception – Any families who participated in the Atascosa County Livestock Show in 2025 or prior years and does not meet the above criteria will be allowed to participate until they graduate from high school or fail to enter and show in ACLS in any one year.

Section 21. Unethical Fitting and Showing of Livestock. The showing of unethically fitted livestock, or livestock over the age that is eligible for exhibition in the class in which such animal

is being presented for exhibition at the County Livestock Show is prohibited. Unethical fitting within the meaning of the rules will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animals' body, evidenced by the presence of abnormal tissue or foreign substance. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., specifically represents that no animal entered therein by him as his exhibit is unethically fitted or altered. Absolutely no drenching of sheep or goats inside the show barn. Any and all filling of sheep or goats must be made in the pens. An automatic disqualification from the show if violated. (2009) No force-feeding or watering of swine by means of hose or any other device which is unnatural for swine to consume feed and/or water. The exhibitor and animal will be disqualified from the show if violated. (2016) The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized in the event any such animal is declared to be unethically fitted as foresaid to permanently bar such animals from competition in the show and may bar the exhibitor entering such animal. Reinstatement of anyone so barred may be made only by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 22. No exhibitors or parents will be allowed to stay on the grounds at night. The ACLS Board of Directors reserves the right to permit Show officers and/or directors to stay on grounds at night (2024).

Section 23. Double Entry of Exhibits. An exhibitor who wishes to double enter his or her animal in both market and breeding classes may do so by paying entry fees on both entries (2006), *but is subject to the limitation of 4 animals per species and per exhibitor (2026).*

Section 24. Unruly animals. Any animal being unruly will be sifted. A committee of three people consisting of the President, Department Superintendent, and General Superintendent will be the sifting committee.

Section 25. Entry regulations. *Exhibitors are limited to 4 animals per species except rabbits will be limited to 2 entries per species (2026)* at the Atascosa County Livestock Show. There will be no entry limit on Ag Mechanic projects. (2020) Entering any other county Livestock Show shall constitute automatic disqualification from the Atascosa County Livestock Show (1998). This rule does pertain to Ag Mechanics Projects. (2017) This rule does not pertain to judging contests (2000).

Section 26. Add On's will be accepted during the Premium Auction and online (2022). A separate area outside the buyer's reception area will be set up for Non-Registered (2022) individuals the day of the sale (2022) to add money onto an exhibitor's sale lot. All Add On's must be done by the *Friday (2025)* following the auction by 5:00pm (2022). If you are a Non-Registered Buyer ALL Add On money must be paid for that night. (2020) Registered Buyers will be billed along with Consortium Sheet Bids. (2020) All Add On's are subject to the 6% commission charged on all sale lots.

Section 27. Propane heaters, electric heaters or heat lamps will not be allowed around or in the pens where animals are penned. During inclement weather the species Superintendent, at their discretion, may allow a heat source in the vicinity if the weigh-in area for the comfort of the volunteers who are assisting. (2018) There will be no cooking or preparation of food that requires cooking or heat produced by a fire or electricity other than by the ACLS Concession Stand (2005). The ACLS Board of Directors reserves the right to cook and/or prepare food with the use of fire and/or electricity, or have a designated party do so for the stock show volunteers and ring/stage assistance during the show. (2019)

Section 28. Only exhibitors, Atascosa County Ag Science Teachers, County Agents, or family members (Parents, grandparents, and siblings) are allowed to prepare animals for show at the Atascosa County Livestock Show in all divisions (2005).

Section 29. Photographs: Exhibitors agree to present their project(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become property of the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Photos that are taken by official show photographer(s) can be used at the discretion of the show for print in advertising and promotion of our livestock show and the youth we represent (2013). All sale lots will be charged a photography fee based on the rates the photographer is charging for the upcoming year. The fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's premium check. (2017)

Section 30. Exhibition of Animals During Sale: Exhibitors selling Grand and Reserve Champion animals must bring an animal to sale for auction day buyer photos. (2021) All such animals are subject to being prohibited from entering the sale ring or removed from the sale ring at the first indication of unruly or ill behavior that, in the direction of the sale ring attending director, could present a danger to itself, the exhibitor, other exhibitors or any person attending the sale. No animals placing lower than Grand Champion (2017) or Reserve Grand (2017) Champion will be permitted in the sale ring during the auction. (2016)

Section 31. Pets/Service Animals: No "Pets" allowed on show grounds, with the exception of a service animal defined as any guide dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If an animal does not meet the guidelines of a service animal outlined by the ADA, then the owner will be asked to remove the animal from show grounds immediately. (2018)

Section 32. Code of Ethics: Any exhibitor that does not abide by the FFA/4-H Code of Ethics, i.e. defacing ACLS property, acting in a disrespectful manner towards directors, community members, advisors, or other exhibitors, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by the Executive Committee will be subject to the consequences deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reserves the right to remove the exhibitor from the show/sale by a majority vote. (2019)

Section 33. Stockshow Cancellation: Due to any reason such as Covid 19 or any other occurrence that City, State or Federal authorities shut down public gatherings. We the ACLS nor its Directors will be held liable for not having an annual Stock Show. Just because animals or projects are entered to show does not guarantee a Show. In the event this should occur all entry monies will be returned. (2020)

Section 34. Thank You Letters: Thank you letters are required from all 4-H and FFA exhibitors of all buyers, add-on supporters and sponsors of awards for all divisions. Until letters are written and approved by their respective Ag Science Teacher or 4-H Extension Office, the exhibitors check will be withheld (2022).

LETTER GUIDELINES: Thank you letters will be reviewed by a committee and MUST meet the following basic guidelines:

1. All thank you letters must be on stationary, letterhead or handwritten Thank You cards to be accepted. Lined stationary or computer-generated letterhead with lines is acceptable.
2. All letters must be original and handwritten by the exhibitor to each donor.
3. Letters must not be scanned, typed, or computer generated.

4. Exhibitors must provide their letter(s) in unsealed stamped addressed envelopes. All envelopes must have the exhibitor's name that was used to enter the show and return addresses on them.
 5. Letter NOT complying with the guidelines will be returned to the exhibitor for revision.
 6. Pictures will be provided for the top 4 buyers and submitted with the thank you letters.
- (2021)

Article XIII Special Rules and Regulations

All rules contained in this Article XIII shall be defined as Special Rules and Regulations, and are established to govern the operation of the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Proposed amendments to the Special Rules and Regulations must be submitted to the Recording Secretary in writing prior to or at the March Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall publish all proposed amendments to the directors at least two weeks prior to the April meeting. Proposed amendments to the Special Rules and Regulations shall be considered only at the April meeting, may be debated, amended, and shall require a majority vote of the directors eligible to vote in order to pass. Once an amendment receives the necessary affirmative votes, the Recording Secretary shall review and correct any clerical or typographical errors before the amendment is inserted in this article. (2011) Due to the current pandemic situation the 2020 amendments (rule changes) may be made at the next regular meeting. (2020 only)

Rule 1. Eligibility of Exhibitors.

Junior Exhibitors and contestants under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any Atascosa County Livestock Show Activity, Event, or Competition. Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is also ineligible for competition and or premium sale. (2008) All 4H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be eligible by the Atascosa County Livestock Show to participate in the show at the time entries are received by the CEA/AST. Any CEA/AST who has member in his/her program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Livestock Show according to the show Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the competition, the Atascosa County Livestock show will consider the exhibitor as not eligible to participate.

Rule 2. Qualifications.

Any individual who will be 9 years old or in the 3rd grade prior to the beginning of the fitting period and who will not be 21 years old before February 1, is eligible to enter exhibits fed and cared for by the individual. Exhibitor must be under the supervision of competent leadership for the feeding period and shall not have graduated from high school.

Rule 3. Certification of Eligibility.

All entries in the show should be made by the Agricultural Science Teacher or County Agent under whose supervision the animal was fed and he/she must certify on the entry application that the animal and exhibitor are eligible under the rules of the show.

Rule 4. Weigh in.

Designated official scales will be used for the official weighin and will be controlled by the show superintendent until start of official weighin. All market steers, lambs, swine, goats and rabbits; will be weighed in under the supervision of the department superintendent (2011).

One reweigh will be allowed should any animal weigh less than the minimum or more than the maximum allowed weight for its species. The exhibitor may reweigh that animal one time at the end of the weighing of that species. Further, the superintendent may choose to reweigh any animal one time for any reason (2011). Once an animal enters the scale, that animal is declared for show and may not be replaced or substituted for, with any other animal; at any time (2013). Those animals that do not meet weight requirement will be automatically sifted. All species (lambs, swine, steers, turkeys, rabbits, broilers, goats) will use validation number as official numbers (2004).

Rule 5. Eligible for premium sale.

All market exhibits that place will be eligible for the premium sale. An exhibitor may sell only one exhibit through the premium sale. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to inform their Adult Leaders, County Extension Agent, or Agricultural Science Teachers, which place they wish to sell if they have placed more than one place in the livestock show. This information should be furnished immediately after the conclusion of the last market class of the day on the Friday of the show. If this information is not furnished, the Adult Leader, County Extension Agent, or Agricultural Science Teacher will choose which of the exhibitors' place sells through the premium sale. (2006)

Rule 6. Grand Champion. All grand champion market animals must sell through the premium sale unless an exhibitor has more than one grand champion. In the event one exhibitor has more than one grand champion, the following will be followed in selecting which entry will sell.

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| 1. Grand Champion Steer | 5. Grand Champion Broilers |
| 2. Grand Champion Swine | 6. Grand Champion Turkeys |
| 3. Grand Champion Lamb | 7. Grand Champion Rabbits |
| 4. Grand Champion Goat | 8. Grand Champion Market Place |

Rule 7. Arrival of Animals.

All market animals must be in place prior to their official weigh in time as designated by the show superintendents in the official ACLS show schedule (2000). No animals may stay on trailers or etc. They must be in the facilities provided by the ACLS, except in designated area as deemed necessary by the Supt. due to lack of adequate pen space (2023). Failure to comply will result in disqualification. (2006)

Rule 8. Health Papers.

All animals entering the show grounds must conform to the current requirements set up by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Rule 9. Drug Withdrawal.

All exhibitors must conform to the Federal Drug Administration's requirements for the withdrawal of drugs from feed fed to your animals. Signature of entry card signifies that all withdrawal times have been adhered to.

Rule 10. Judging Contest.

Any organization or anyone wishing to sponsor a judging contest may do so without expense to the ACLS. Time and place of contest to be coordinated with the Show Superintendents

(2000).

A team shall consist of four members of which the three high scores will be counted. A club or chapter may enter as many teams as they wish. Extra members may judge as individuals and compete for individual awards. Teams will compete based on their oldest member. A junior member may compete on a senior team. Members must be active members from the club or chapter they represent. Awards will be presented to the top three teams and the top five individuals in each division (junior and senior).

Rule 11. Showmanship Awards.

- A. Junior, Intermediate (2015) and Senior Showmanship. Categories; Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, **Broiler, Turkey (2026)**, and Rabbits. Junior Division is grades 3rd – 5th, Intermediate Division is grades 6th – 8th and Seniors are grades 9th – 12th at the time of the show. (2016)
- B. **Entry Fee.** An Entry Fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each showmanship division (Beef, Swine, Lamb, Goat, **Broiler, Turkey (2026)** and Rabbit). Entry fee must accompany ALL entry cards. (2019)
- C. Exhibitors must be showing their own animals that are an official market or breeding entry into show (2021) to compete and be selected in showmanship. Rabbit exhibitors must show a rabbit that has been validated in his/her name for the current show year in showmanship. (2020) To be considered an official entry, market animals must be weighed in and meet show eligible weights and breeding animals must be checked in and meet age requirements (2022).
- D. An Award will be given to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior winner in each division. Judges for showmanship are to be selected and approved by the Livestock Show Board of Directors. (2005)
- E. 4-H Records Awards: Awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place livestock records in 4H. Records must be submitted to the County Extension Office on a date designated by the office prior to the Atascosa County Junior Livestock show. In the event a committee is needed to review them the extension office will work with the ACLS president to develop a committee. (2014) The 4H record book program will be eliminated unless the County 4H furnishes prizes and awards (1998).

Rule 12. Premium Sale Lineup.

Those eligible for the Premium Sale will be sold in the following order.

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| 1. Grand Champion Market Steer | 14. Reserve Grand Champion Broilers |
| 2. Grand Champion Market Hog | 15. Reserve Grand Champion Rabbits |
| 3. Grand Champion Market Lamb | 16. Champion British Steer |
| 4. Grand Champion Market Goat | 17. Champion Charolais Steer |
| 5. Grand Champion Market Turkey | 18. Champion Braham Steer |
| 6. Grand Champion Broilers | 19. Champion Exotic Steer |
| 7. Grand Champion Pen of Rabbits | 20. Champion ABC Steer |
| 8. Grand Champion Ag Mech Marketplace | 21. Champion Dark OPB Hog |
| 9. Reserve Grand Champion Steer | 22. Champion Duroc Hog |
| 10. Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog | 23. Champion Hampshire Hog |
| 11. Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb | 24. Champion Light OPB Hog |
| 12. Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat | 25. Champion Yorkshire Hog |
| 13. Reserve Grand Champion Turkey | 26. Champion Light Cross Hog (2022) |

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| 27. Champion Other Cross Hog (2022) | 44. Reserve Champion Duroc Hog |
| 28. Champion Fine Wool Lamb | 45. Reserve Champion Hampshire Hog |
| 29. Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb | 46. Reserve Champion Light OPB Hog |
| 30. Champion Hair Lamb (2024) | 47. Reserve Champion Yorkshire Hog |
| 31. Champion Southdown Lamb | 48. Reserve Champion Light Cross Hog (2022) |
| 32. Champion Medium Wool Lamb | 49. Reserve Champion Other Cross Hog (2022) |
| 33. Champion Light Weight Goat (2011) | 50. Reserve Champion Fine Wool Lamb |
| 34. Champion Medium Weight Goat (2011) | 51. Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb |
| 35. Champion Heavy Weight Goat (2011) | 52. Reserve Champion Hair Lamb (2024) |
| 36. Champion Turkey Hen | 53. Reserve Champion Southdown Lamb |
| 37. Champion Turkey Tom | 54. Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb |
| 38. Reserve Champion British Steer | 55. Reserve Champion Light Wt Goat (2011) |
| 39. Reserve Champion Charolais Steer | 54. Reserve Champion Medium Wt Goat (2011) |
| 40. Reserve Champion Brahman Steer | 56. Reserve Champion Heavy Wt Goat (2011) |
| 41. Reserve Champion Exotic Steer | 57. Champion Turkey Hen |
| 42. Reserve Champion ABC Steer | 58. Champion Turkey Tom |
| 43. Reserve Champion Dark OPB Hog | |

Lots 51 on will be sold with all 1st place, 2nd place, etc. sold together by Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Turkey, Broilers, and Rabbits (2013).

Rule 13. Ring Stewards.

No adults, except ring stewards and those appointed by the Show Superintendent will be allowed in the show ring at any time (1993).

Rule 14. Validation.

All animals that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County. The only exception to this rule would be in the event a student moves into the county after the validation date (1997).

Rule 15. Cattle Department. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Age of Animal. Steers do not have to have their milk teeth.
- B. Validation. Steers must be validated during the state steer validation period and carry the state validation ear tag. Steers that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997). All tags removed upon validation of steer, and only the validation tag shall be present during the show. All others tags must be removed. (2017)
- C. Entry Fee. An Entry fee of \$30.00 **(2018)** will be charged for all cattle (beef breeding heifers and steers). Entry fee must accompany all entry cards.
- D. Alcoholic Beverages. No Beer will be allowed on the Show Grounds for the purpose of giving to calves in order to put fill on them. (2006) Livestock should be treated in an ethical manner and exhibitors and family members should be aware of their surroundings and community members in the barn. (2025)
- E. Steer Classification. All steers will be classified by the one-person classifier at the time of weigh in. All steers will be weighed by breeds. The order will follow the show order. Steers not present at the time of weigh in for a particular breed will automatically be classified as Exotic (2004). The classifier will be hired by the Atascosa County Livestock

Show for the sole purpose of classifying steers. All decisions of the classifier are final, with no exceptions (1998). All exhibitors must lead their steer at the time of weigh in with the exceptions noted in ARTICLE XII Section 13. (2004).

- F. Steer Breeds. Steer classes will be established within the following breeds:
1. British
 2. Red and Black Exotic Crosses (Will follow Major Show Classification Guidelines)(2026)
 3. Brahman and Brahman Cross (at least 50% Brahman)
 4. ABC to exhibit at least 3/8 Brahman influence and including Santa Gertrudis Cross (at least 50% Santa Gertrudis)
 5. Exotic
- G. Steer Weights and Classes. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds. After weighing, those steers meeting minimum weight will be divided equally into a light and heavy class in each breed, provided there are 5 animals per breed. If a breed has more than 18 (2020) animals, the classes will be divided into light, medium, and heavy weights. No more than 9 animals per class, if there are more than 9 animals per class, 4 classes will be created. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number of any class exceeds 9. (2016)
- H. Grooming Materials. Steers will have no change of the major color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing. Any grooming material, except hoof dressing, that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed to show. All steers must be dehorned except in the breeds where scurs are acceptable for breed classification (2000).
- I. Breeding Classes. Classes will be established for the following breeds:
1. British (Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn
 2. European
 3. American (1997)
 4. Crossbred ABC (2021)
 5. Crossbred AOB (2021)
- For Breeds 1, 2, or 3, (2021) these animals must be purebred with the registration papers or certification (AOB, ABC, Star Five, Black Gold, Etc.) papers from the parent breed association or certified by the TCCA and have official TCCA, AOB, or ABC ear tag and certificate number in the name of the exhibitor at the time of the show. (2011) For Breeds 4 & 5, these crossbred females will be officially ear tagged for identification and aged at county heifer validation in October of preceding show year and have a County Ear Tag in the name of the exhibitor at the time of show. These females will be classified during check-in process at show by our Beef Classifier as either ABC or AOB Breeds. (2021)
- J. Market Steer Show is a Hair Show – it will be a Blow and Go Show. **Clipping of steers shall be allowed on grounds with cordless clippers only(2026)**, any violation will result in the disqualification of that animal, a determination of violation shall be made by the Market Steer Superintendent. No show day grooming products that alters the appearance of the animal (adhesives, paints, leg builder, etc) shall be permitted, or any product that can be wiped off on show day (2025).
- K. Spring Jr Heifers Calved on or after 04/01 of the year preceding the show. (2006)
Winter Jr Heifers Calved 01/01 03/31 of the year preceding the show.
Fall Sr Heifers Calved 10/01 12/31 of the second year preceding the show.
Summer Sr Heifers Calved 07/01 09/30 of the second year preceding the show.

Spring Jr Yearling Heifers Calved 04/01 06/30 of the second year preceding the show.
Winter Jr Yearling Heifers Calved 01/01 03/31 of the second year preceding the show.
Cows Not to be older than 36 months of age at the time of the show. This age class must have a calf at side or be palpated safe in calf by a licensed veterinarian by the day of the show.

Department A. Steers

Breed	Class
British	1. Light 2. Medium 3. Heavy
Charolais	4. Light 5. Medium 6. Heavy
Brahman	7. Light 8. Medium 9. Heavy
ABC	10. Light 11. Medium 12. Heavy
Exotic	13. Light 14. Medium 15. Heavy

Department B. Breeding Beef

Breed	Spring Junior Heifers April – June 2025	Winter Junior Heifers Jan - Mar 2025	Fall Senior Heifers Oct. – Dec 2024	Summer Senior Heifers July – Sept 2024	Spring Junior Yearling Heifers April – June 2024	Winter Junior Yearling Heifers Jan – Mar. 2024	Cows less than 36 months of age Born on or Before 1/20/2023
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Rule 16. Swine Department. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Market Swine. Classes will be established for the following breeds:
 1. Dark Other Pure Breed. (Dark OPB: Berk, Spot, Poland China, Hereford, Tamworth, and any purebred with hair and/or pigment other than white.) (2018) (Revised 2019)
 2. Duroc
 3. Hampshire
 4. Light Other Pure Breeds (Light OPB, Chester, and Landrace. White hair and white pigment. (2018)
 5. Yorkshire
 6. Light Crossbred – White and/or blue only. No sandy, roan, rusty or orange. No black hair or pigmentation (2025).
 7. Other Crossbred (any crossbred regardless of color) (2022).
- B. Market swine must weigh 190-280 pounds (2013) with a three-pound tolerance at each end (187-283) (2011). Weight Limits will be strictly enforced (1998). Gilts may be shown in the market class. After all swine are weighed, those weighing within the above weight limits will be divided equally into a light, medium and heavy weight class within each breed. If there are more than 75 in a breed, classes will be split into light, medium, light heavy and heavy weight. If there are more than 100 in a breed, classes will be split into light, light medium, medium (2020) light

heavy and heavy weight. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number in any one class exceeds 25. (2013)

- C. Breeding Swine. Gilts may be entered and exhibited in both the market and breeding swine classes. The breeding gilts must have registration of ownership by December 1. Only purebred Berkshire, Chester White, Hampshire, Duroc, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, and Yorkshire, Tamworth and Hereford, or any other breed registered in a recognized breed association, (2013) will be allowed. Registration papers will be checked after time of weigh in for the market show (2011). After all registration papers are checked, eligible animals will be divided equally into three classes by weight (2024). If there are more than 75 breeding gilts, 4 classes will be created. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number in any one class exceeds 25. (2013) There will be (minimum will be 190 lbs with a 3 lb tolerance) no maximum weight. Gilts farrowed June 1 through August 31 of the preceding year will be eligible (2025)
- D. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$30.00 **(2018)** per head will be charged on all swine. Entry fee must accompany entry card.
- E. Grooming Materials. Swine must be classified, weighed and be (2017) shown “free of product”. Water is the only substance allowed on the swine during classification, weighing and showing. Any animal that enters the scales, classification area or show ring with oil hair dye, paint and artificial feet or any substance other than water, will be disqualified. ACLS will designate two individuals to check all swine entering the scales and arena for any artificial substance (2022).
- F. Validation. All market swine must be validated on or before November 15th. Market swine must be properly tagged and ear notched. Proper ear notches must be recorded on the validation form. If a mistake in recording ear notches occurs, corrections must be made in writing to the validation chairman prior to January 1st (2011). If the ear notches on a market swine (during weigh-in) do not match those that were recorded, that animal may be disqualified from being shown. The Show Superintendent, the Swine Superintendent, and the Validation Chairman will make the final decision on the eligibility of those animals with ear notch discrepancies (2003). Market swine that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997).
- G. Breeds of swine will be declared at time of weigh-in (1999).
- H. Swine Classification- classification of swine will take place at the time of weigh in. ACLS shall provide a team of three classifiers, team members (2022) can not to be the swine judge, to perform the classification procedure. Any animal not exhibiting the appropriate characteristics for the breed, as determined by the classifier, shall be moved to the cross class. All decisions of the classifiers (2022) are final with no exceptions. (2020)

Department D. Market Swine

Breed	Class
Dark OPB	1. Light 2. Medium 3. Heavy
Duroc	4. Light 5. Medium 6. Heavy
Hampshire	7. Light 8. Medium 9. Heavy
Light OPB	10. Light 11. Medium 12. Heavy

Yorkshire	13. Light 14. Medium 15. Heavy
Light Crossbred	16. Light 17. Medium 18. Heavy
Other Crossbred	19. Light 20. Medium 21. Heavy

(2018) (Revised 2019) (Revised 2022)

Department E. Breeding Swine

All Breeds:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Light Weight	Medium Weight	Heavy Weight

Rule 17. Sheep Department. Classes and Premium List

- A. Age of animals. Lambs do not have to carry their milk teeth.
- B. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$30.00 (2018) will be charged for market lambs. Entry fee must accompany entry.
- C. Grooming. All lambs will be shown with no artificial coloring and must be shorn slick at time of showing. Wool may be left on the legs from the knee and hock down.
- D. Validation. All market lambs will be validated and permanently ear tagged prior to November 1 (1998). Lambs that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997).
- E. Weight and Classes. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds, with a 2-pound tolerance. (78lbs) (2013). Ewe lambs may be shown in the market class. Lambs will be classified by the judge prior to the start of the show. Lambs will be weighed by scale prior to the show at the time designated by the Superintendent. There will be no weigh back. (2009) After classification and weighing is completed, the lambs will be divided into two equal classes, provided there are 5 animals per breed (2017) except when the total in a breed exceeds 29 (2020), then the breed will be divided into three equal classes. (2001) No more than 10 animals per class, if there are more than 10 animals per class. 4 classes will be created. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number of any class exceeds 10. (2020) Hair sheep must have 50% hair to be in the market lambs. The hair sheep would go into the sale order in front of the medium wools and after the southdowns. They would have to have 5 to make a breed. Otherwise, they would be placed in the medium wool class. (2024)
- F. Lamb classes will be as follows:
 1. Fine Wool Delaine, Rambouillet, or a cross between the two breeds.
 2. Fine Wool Cross A first cross of a fine wool with a Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale, or Columbia.

3. Southdown (1997).
 4. Hair Sheep
 5. Medium Wool Hampshire, Shropshire, Suffolk, Columbia Cross, or Dorset H. F.
- G. Breeds of lambs will be declared at time of weigh in (1999).

Department F. Market Lambs

Breed	Class
Finewool	1. Light 2. Medium 3. Heavy
Finewool Cross	4. Light 5. Medium 6. Heavy
Southdown	7. Light 8. Medium 9. Heavy
Hair Sheep	10. Light 11. Medium 12. Heavy
Medium Wool	13. Light 14. Medium 15. Heavy

Rule 18. Poultry Department. Classes and Premium List

- A. Entry Fee and Validation - An entry fee of \$30.00 (2018) will be charged for poultry entries. All fees accompanying entries and validation cards must be turned in the same day.
- B. Broilers - An entry will consist of one pen of three birds. Exhibitors must order birds in multiples of 25. Each exhibitor will be allowed to **enter TWO PENS of broilers in the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Split classes into Pullet Pen & Cockerel Pen. Exhibitors are limited to show: 1 pen of pullets and 1 pen of cockerels or 2 pens of pullets or 2 pens of cockerels. Each pen can only have pullets or cockerels, no mixed pens. The Grand Champion Broiler will be selected from the class winners of Class 1 (Pullet) and Class 2 (Cockerel). The Reserve Champion Broiler will be selected from the other class winner and the 2nd Place from the class in which the Grand Champion Broiler was selected(2026).** Multiple immediate family members exhibiting broilers must order a minimum of 25 birds per family exhibitor (example, brother and sister 50 birds) (2003). All broilers will be purchased through the ACLS, straight run or same as San Antonio Livestock Show (2001) and will be wing banded. Broilers losing their bands will not show. Age of broilers to be determined by poultry committee (2000).
- C. Turkeys - Must be purchased from the San Antonio (2000) Show Turkey source. The turkeys may be ordered by the Ag Science Teacher or County Agent only and must be picked up by that person. The turkeys will be wing banded at hatching and that band assigned to the exhibitor must be in place and untampered with to be eligible to show. The Grand Champion Turkey will be selected from the class winners of Class 2 (Turkey Hen) and Class 3 (Turkey Tom). The Reserve Champion Turkey will be selected from the other class winner and the 2na Place from the class in which the Grand Champion Turkey was selected (2005).

- D. Check-in. No wet birds will be allowed to check in at time of poultry sift (1998).
- E. Sifting. There will be no weighin or minimum weights on poultry. Birds will continue to be sifted for bruises, broken bones, missing wing bands, external parasites, and sex characteristics (1998).

Department G. Market Poultry Classes

Species	Class
Broilers – Pullets	1
Broilers – Cockerels	2
Turkey Hen	3
Turkey Tom	4

Rule 19. Rabbits. Classes & Premiums.

- A. Ownership. Exhibitors shall have raised their meat pens or have owned them on or before the validation date (2004).
- B. Entry Fee. Entry fee shall be \$30.00 (2018) for all rabbit entries.
- C. Standard of Breed. Rabbits must conform to standard of breed as so stated in the ARBA Standard of Perfection and be free from any elimination and disqualification including but not limited to any sign of disease, ear canker or sore hocks (2000).
- D. Meat Pen. A meat pen entry shall consist of three rabbits, same breed, either sex, with an age limit of 10 weeks, a minimum weight limit of 3 lbs. and 8 oz., and a maximum weight limit of 5 lbs. and 8 oz. with a 2-ounce tolerance. (2017). Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two pens of Rabbits in the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Breed Divisions will be 1. Californian 2. White New Zealand & 3. OPB. The pens must be the same breed. A minimum of 5 pens is required for a breed class. Any breed not meeting the 5 pen minimum will be combined with the OPB class. The Grand Champion Rabbit will be selected from the class winners of Class 1 (Californian), Class 2 (White New Zealand) & Class 3 (OPB). The Reserve Champion Rabbit will be selected from the other class winners and the 2nd Place from the class in which the Grand Champion Rabbit was selected(2006).
- E. Placing for Meat Pens. Meat pen entries will be placed and sold according to the General Rules and Regulations, and will be shown in one class regardless of breed.
- F. Pre-Sifting. Market rabbits will be sifted by the judge before entering the show ring. Exhibitors must declare which rabbits constitute the meat pen prior to rabbits being weighed and sifted. If any rabbit in a pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is disqualified from competition. If the judge disqualifies any one rabbit in the pen from competition, the entire pen is disqualified. (2017)

- G. Identification. All meat pen rabbits will have a permanent legible mark tattooed in the left ear by the validation committee. Each entry of rabbits will receive the same tattoo. In the event of a family exhibiting multiple entries they must designate at time of show which rabbits would be exhibited as a meat pen. All pens must be entered in the exhibitor's name at validation. (2008)
- H. Validation. The validating committee must validate all meat rabbits. The validation date shall be not less than 30 days prior to the show or more than 35 days prior to the show (2004).

Department H. Pen of Rabbits

Species	Class
Californian	1
White New Zealand	2
OPB	3

Rule 20. Goats. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Age of Animals. Kids do not have to carry their milk teeth.
- B. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$30.00 (2018) will be charged for market goats. Entry fee must accompany entry.
- C. Grooming. All goats will be shown with no artificial coloring and market goats (2026) must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up, excluding the tail.
- D. Validation. All market goats will be validated and permanently ear tagged prior to November 1. Goats that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date.
- E. Weight and Classes. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. and a maximum of 115 lbs., with a 2-pound tolerance. (58lbs.117lbs.) (2013). Does may be shown in the market class. Goats will be weighed by scale prior to the show at a time designated by the Show Superintendent. (2009) There will be no weigh back. (2009) After weigh in, goats weighing above the minimum and below the maximum weights will be divided equally into 6 classes. These classes will be divided into 3 divisions light, middle, and heavy (2014) If there are more than 140 (2014) goats, seven (2014) classes will be formed. An additional class will be formed for each additional 20 head. If more than six classes are established, the goat superintendent will decide what division the class will be added to. (2010) There will be a division champion and reserve champion for all three divisions. These three division champions will compete for Grand Champion Goat and the reserve of the division will compete against the two remaining champions for Reserve Champion Goat.
- a. Ex. Class 1 and Class 2 – Light Weight Division

- b. Class 3 and Class 4 – Middle Weight Division
 - c. Class 5 and Class 6 – Heavy Weight Division
- F. Horns – All goats’ horns must be tipped blunt before arrival on grounds.
- G. Restraint – Exhibitors will be allowed to use halter or collars in the show ring.

Department I. Market Goats

Species	Class
Market Goat – Division 1	Class 1 and Class 2
Market Goat – Division 2	Class 3 and Class 4
Market Goat – Division 3	Class 5 and Class 6

Department J. Breeding Goat Show

- A. Breeding Goats. Breeding Goats will be divided into 1 division: Registered Nannies and Wether Doe (Unregistered) will all show together within same classes. (2017)
- B. Weight and Classes: Registered Nannies and Wether Does will be weighed in by ACLS officials. Nannie and Does will be shown by weight with up to 3 classes determined by the Goat Superintendent. (2017)

Breed	Class 1 – Class 2 – Class 3
Registered Nannies Wether Does Wether Does – Unregistered	TBD after weigh in

(2017)

Rule 21. Agricultural Mechanics Project Show.

- A. Exhibitors in the Farm Mechanics Division will consist of labor-saving devices, decorative objects from the home or lawn and tractors (2017) farm machinery or equipment that has been constructed or reconstructed (2017) by the exhibitor. The work must have been done by FFA and 4H members under the leadership of their Ag Science Teacher, adult leaders, or County Extension Agents.
- B. The following factors will be used in judging the projects:
1. Workmanship 30 points. (2025)
 2. Design and materials 20 points
 3. Degree of difficulty (skills displayed) 15 points
 4. Finish 10 points

5. Practicality/Interview 20 points (2025)

6. Documentation/Safety 5 points (2025)

- The attached Critique sheet will be filled out by the judge(s) and given to the Project Exhibitor(s)/Sponsor(s) at the completion of judging by the Ag Mechanic Superintendents
- Blue 90-100 points Red 80-90 points White 70-80 points

The below Critique Sheet will be filled out by the judge(s) and given to the Project Exhibitor(s) / Sponsor(s) at the completion of judging by the Ag Mechanics Superintendent.

<u>ACLS Agricultural Mechanics Project Show</u> <u>Evaluation Summary (Critique Sheet)</u>	
Recorder: _____	Ribbon Color: _____
Division#: _____ Class#: _____	Entry#: _____
<u>Criteria</u>	E=Excellent G=Good NI= Needs Improvement <u>Critique Comments</u>
Workmanship (30) • Square - Diagonals & Square • Quality - Uniform profile, clean transitions • Fabrication - Good joints and fit-up. poor fit up, rough cuts.	_____ Work Quality Trailers _____ DOT- Inspection Notes:
Design and Materials (20) • Dimensions consistent with drawing. • Materials - Over or undersized for load • Fasteners - screws, bolts etc. Screws and bolts coating compatible with treated lumber • Design principles – gussets and braces. Materials – angles, I beams & trusses	_____ Design Notes:
Degree of Difficulty (skills displayed) (15) • Size, scope, complexity - use of several skills and processes, • Sophistication- Intricate, technical and more difficult to build.	_____ Size, Scope Notes:
Finish (10) • Sanding/Grinding - excessive or lack of proper sanding/grinding, sharp corners. • Paint Prep & Finish - Lack of paint/finish, Uniform paint coating with no runs	_____ Grinding/sanding/ETC _____ Paint, Prep, and Finish Notes:
Practicality/Interview (20) • Practicality and functionality. • Knowledge of manufacturing processes and materials. • Presentation - Speaking ability & Presentation to judges and public, Display	_____ Practicability _____ Functional (it works as intended) _____ Technical knowledge _____ Presenation and display Notes:
Documentation/Safety (5)	_____ Notebook with Proper documentation _____ Safe Project

ACLS Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

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Finish (10) - Sanding/Grinding - excessive or lack of proper sanding/grinding, sharp corners. - Paint Prep & Finish - Lack of paint/finish, Uniform paint coating with no runs	_____ Grinding/sanding/ETC _____ Paint, Prep, and Finish Notes:
- Table of Contents & Page numbers - Drawing - To scale, dimensioned, complete enough to build from - BOM -Bill of Materials - Photos - sequenced work in progress, labeled - Research- ASABE standards, DOT info, PI and SDS sheets, and trailer components specifications. - Safe work environment - Shown in Photos - Safe Projects– good smooth joints & fit-up. - Project displayed safely -. Sharp points & edges protected- Sturdy stands.	_____ Project Display Notes:

C. Judging criteria for Restoration projects - Criteria Points

1. Aesthetics 15
2. Authentic 20
3. Mechanical 40
4. Safety 10

5. Documentation and Research 15

- Blue 90-100 points Red 80-90 points White 70-80 points

- D. Every article for exhibition must be made by a member or members of good standing of the FFA Chapter or 4H Club. Multiple projects of similar construction by the same exhibitor will be treated as one entry. (2009) Entries show commercialization will be disqualified.
- E. A junior division will be available to FFA and 4H Members who are 13 years of or younger at the time of the entry. All entries will be judged together as a single division. The juniors will have the option to show in this division or compete in the regular divisions. Designation must be done at the entry time. (2007)
- F. Projects may be shown only one time.
- G. Exhibit cards will be attached to projects when they are set in place. The cards will be removed before judging and replaced after judging. A for sale sign may be placed on the exhibit after judging.
- H. The Atascosa County Livestock Show will not be responsible for fire, theft, vandalism, or destruction of exhibits.
- I. There will be a \$10.00 (2018) entry fee charged in this division. Blue, Red, and White ribbons will be awarded to each project. Awards (2023) will be awarded to the Champions and Reserve Champions in each of the divisions. (2015) Additional prizes may be awarded. FULLY completed entry cards must be turned in by the December board meeting prior to show. Entry cards that are not entirely filled out in each field will be invalid. Any requests for changes or substitutions to be made on the entry card after the December deadline will be subject to a late entry fee, with the exception of removing an exhibitor from the entry.
- J. The divisions are as follows:
- I. Ag Machinery and Equipment
 - 1. Shop Equipment
 - 2. Tractor Equipment
 - 3. Other
 - II. Truck Accessories
 - 1. Front Bumper
 - 2. Rear Bumper
 - 3. Bed Accessories
 - 4. Other
 - III. Wildlife Equipment
 - 1. Traps and Cages
 - 2. Blinds
 - 3. Feeders
 - 4. Other
 - IV. Trailers

1. Single Axle
2. Multi-axle

V. Livestock Equipment

1. Gates and Panels
2. Restraining Equipment
3. Feeders
4. Show Equipment
5. Other

VI. Home & Garden

1. Home Interior
2. Indoor Sculpture (cutouts) (2025)
3. Other (2009)

VII. Picnic Tables & Outdoor Furniture

1. Tables with Seats
2. Patio Tables
3. Swings
4. Home Exterior (2025)
5. Outdoor Sculptures (2025)
6. Other

VIII. Barbecue Pits

1. Stationary
2. Vehicle Pulled
3. Fire Pits
4. Other

IX. Junior Division

X. Miscellaneous Projects (2026)

XI. Showmanship

1. Must turn in a portfolio of documentation and safety (2025)
 - Table of Contents (2025)
 - Plans/Drawings (2025)
 - Bill of Materials
 - Photo's
 - Research (2025)
2. Interview (2025)

XII. Restoration (2025)

1. Tractor
2. Farm Equipment
3. Other

XIII. Ag Marketplace (2023)

- K. Any exhibit/project that uses any type of combustible fuel will not be allowed inside the Showbarn unless the combustible fuel product is removed from the exhibit. Otherwise, the exhibit/project requiring such fuel must be located outside the building no less than 10 feet away. (2013) Tractors, Farm Equipment and other

equipment in the restoration category must have less than 10 gallons of fuel in the fuel tank. (2017)

L. Restoration and Ag Mechanic Projects will be competing for their own set of overall Champion and Reserve Champion Awards. (2017)

M. Ag Mechanics Marketplace Competition (2023)

1. Entry Fee: **The entry fee for each project is \$30.00 (2025).** Entries must be submitted online.
2. Eligible Entries: Entries in the Ag Mechanics Marketplace Competition must be submitted in the name of an individual not a county 4-H club, FFA chapter by the respective CEA or AST. Contestants must be bona fide members of a Texas 4- H Club, Texas FFA Chapter. They must be enrolled in and attending public, private, or home school, elementary, or secondary schools in Texas at the time of the event.
3. Number of Entries: Each student may only enter one project in the market place show.
4. Projects: Projects must have been constructed by FFA, 4-H members or students either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science, part of their supervised work experience program. Projects must be designed and constructed under the direct supervision and guidance of the CEA/AST/. Projects made largely of wood will require at least 25% of a skill other than carpentry (example: metal fabrication with supplemental skills such as electrical, plumbing, hydraulics, etc) to be used in construction. The addition of metal ornaments or bands attached to the wood project will not be considered a part of the 25%. All projects must be designed for outdoors – no all wood projects or indoor furniture allowed).
5. Construction Date: A project may be exhibited only one time at ACLS and must have been completed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
6. Teams: no club or chapter teams
7. Market Value: All projects are required to sell (project ownership is transferred to the buyer). No matter what type of product sold, the price charged to customers or clients will have a direct effect on the success of the business.
 - Though pricing strategies can be complex, the basic rules of pricing are straightforward:
 - All prices must cover costs and profits.
 - Assure price for product reflects the dynamics of cost, market demand, response to the competition, and profit objectives.
 - Prices must be established to assure sales.
8. Auction: Two (2) individuals will be selected to offer their project to sell in the Live Auction on Saturday afternoon. Auction proceeds will be paid directly to the individual.
Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ag Mechanic Market Place must sell in Auction (2025)
9. Exhibit Space: Projects will be displayed at the discretion of show officials. Display space under shelter is not guaranteed.
10. Vehicles: Trucks, tractors, trailers or other vehicles that are not entered to be exhibited are allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display with permission of the Superintendent only.
11. Loss or Damage: Every precaution will be taken to protect projects, however, neither the ACLS nor the show officials will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.
12. Contest Format
 - Contest Overview Project Workmanship/Quality 50%

- Objective Test (Ag Sales) 15%
- Sales Presentation 25%

13. Projects 50%

- Projects: Projects should be marketable to a wide variety of customers including general rodeo patrons. Projects that are specialized for a limited number of uses may be challenging to market to the clientele base. Teams are encouraged to be innovative but maintain the marketability of the project.
 - Project Divisions: The following types of projects may be exhibited in the respective Project Divisions:
 - a. **Livestock and Farm Equipment**: Includes items such as hay handling equipment (ex. hay spears, single/double bale hay trailers, bale pickup equipment, etc.), squeeze chutes, restraining equipment and crowding or working pens, and universal fit truck and ag equipment accessories (i.e.: tool box, storage, ATV rack, receiver hitch carrier, hitch & towing accessories, quick attach skid steer attachments). Some degree of metal fabrication is required. It is encouraged that items have the ability to be utilized on a wide variety of operations regardless of size or type. No all wood projects.
 - b. **Trailers**: Includes items such as utility bumper pull trailers (must be 16 ft. and under) and towable (wheels with lug bolts) cooking equipment (i.e.: BBQ pits, smokers and grills). Small trailers for hauling basic equipment such as lawnmowers, and material are encouraged. No all wood projects.
 - c. **Wildlife**: Includes items such as equipment used in managing wildlife and exotic game (i.e.: equipment used in the management, raising and caring for animals such as deer, turkeys, quail, fish, etc.). Items meeting the basic uses of a hunter or fisherman are encouraged. No all-wood projects.
 - d. **Home Recreation and Conveniences**: Includes items such as non-towable (small) cooking devices (i.e.: BBQ pits, grills, fire pits, and fish fryers. Pits made from metal drums not allowed) and outdoor yard and garden equipment (i.e.: outdoor tables [cannot be all wood], swings, planters, green houses, potting sheds and other buildings. Projects made of wood must include, in addition to carpentry, significant metal or other technical skills such as plumbing, masonry and/or electrical. All projects must be designed for outdoors – no all wood projects or indoor furniture allowed).
3. **Project Quality and Classification**: Show management reserves the right to remove any project from participating if the quality, safety, or design of the project does not meet the standards set for this competition. A general evaluation of each project will be conducted prior to the start of competition. Projects which fail to be evaluated prior to the start of competition will be subject to disqualification. Show management

reserves the right to classify a project into the appropriate Project Division at their discretion.

- Project Completeness: All projects must be complete including finish. Any item necessary for use of the project must be a part of the project (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels).
- Project Safety:
 - a. Display: Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects requiring support. Sharp edges and points must be padded and/or protected where necessary to prevent possible injury to spectators and exhibitors.
 - b. General Safety: Flammable and/or combustible liquids shall not be stored or sprayed in buildings, or on the show grounds. This shall include, but not limited to enamel paints, thinners, reducers, or gasoline. All compressed gas cylinders must be properly secured. Protective caps installed. NO regulators or hoses are to be installed. Electric extension cords must not cross aisles used as exit ways
 - c. Projects with Engines: No more than two gallons of fuel in any fuel tank is allowed. The fuel tank cap must be in place. All batteries must be disconnected.
- Project Judging Criteria (50% of overall total):
Criteria Points Workmanship 100 Innovation 25 Marketability 25

14. OBJECTIVE TEST – 15%

- Contest Overview Project Workmanship/Quality 50%
- Objective Test (Ag Sales) 15%
- Sales Presentation 25%
- Product Summary/Marketing Materials 10% The Objective Test is designed to evaluate an individual participant's knowledge of the basic sales skills. A 45- question, multiple-choice test, developed exclusively from the references. Each question is worth one (1) point. Each participant will have 45 minutes to complete the test. The average score of the team members taking the test will be utilized as the score for the final ranking.
- Objective Test References: a. ProSelling: A Professional Approach to Selling in Agriculture and Other Industries, W. Scott Downey, ISBN13: 978-0978895211 b. Professional Selling, Rebecca L. Morgan, ISBN 0-931961-42-4 c. Sales Training Basics, Elwood N. Chapman, ISBN 1-56052-119-8 d. Closing, Virden J. Thorton, ISBN 1-56052-318-2 e. Ditzenberger and Kidney, Selling-Helping Customers Buy, South Western Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1992, 1- 800-543-7972, ISBN 0538605316 f. Understanding Ag Sales, FFA.org

15. TEAM SALES PRESENTATION – 25%

- The Product Summary and Marketing Materials will be used in the sales presentation to "sell" the project entered by each team to a

panel of judges.

- The judges will act as a real customer which may include not buying the project. Participants will have to establish rapport with the judge and ask probing questions to ensure they meet the judges' needs.
- The judges will utilize the Product Summary to prepare for the presentation conversation.
- You may only use the following items during the team sales presentation: the team, the project, Product Summary and Marketing Flyer. No slide shows, electronic presentations, videos, computer demonstrations, etc. may be used during the team sales presentation, these items may be part of the display in the Marketplace, but cannot be used, and will not be considered, during the sales presentation.
- You will have seven (7) minutes to interact with the judge.
- Teams should present themselves with a professional appearance. You should plan to accomplish the following tasks during the sales presentation: a. Introduce themselves to the customer in the opening of the presentation. b. Introduce the product to the customer. c. Point out the features of the product. d. Explain how the product would benefit the customer. Ask for the customers' reaction to the product. e. The customer will object to some element of the sales presentation. You should try to overcome the objection (price, size, color, etc.) with a positive solution to the customers' objections.
- The customers will also give you a chance to close the sale during the presentation. Ask for the business and be prepared to finalize the order.

16. PRODUCT SUMMARY/MARKETING MATERIALS – 10%

- Product Summary (15 pts): Each individual will develop a product summary to the ACLS Ag Mech Chairman. The product summary should include:
 - a. Club/Chapter/School and individuals Name
 - b. Product to be sold
 - c. Statement of marketing situation
 - d. Who is the customer?
 - e. Why would the customer want the product?
 - f. Who are the major competitors selling a similar product?
 - g. Features of the product e. Benefits of the product for the customer
 - h. Market Value (This will also be used as the minimum bid for the respective project)
 - i. All projects are required to sell (project ownership is transferred to the buyer). It is important to determine a reasonable market value. A bill of materials and comparative pricing may be helpful in justifying a reasonable market value. No matter what type of product sold, the price charged to customers or clients will have a direct effect on the success of the business. Though pricing strategies can be complex, the basic rules of pricing are straightforward:
 - 1. All prices must cover costs and profits.
 - 2. Assure price for product reflects the dynamics of cost, market demand, response to the competition, and profit objectives.
 - 3. Prices must be established to assure sales.

- j. Product Specifications (Weight, size dimensions, electrical specifications, weight ratings, maintenance requirements, etc.)
- k. As a supplement to the Product Summary the individual should include at least three and up to five photographs or representative images (computerized renderings are acceptable) of the completed product, these photos should be high quality (3200 x 2400 resolution) and will be used for promotion of the project. Marketing Flyer (15 pts): Each individual will develop an 8.5" by 11" one or two-sided flier promoting and detailing the product. Flier should be designed to be utilized as an advertisement for and an overview of the product to be shared with customers. The Marketing Flyer will be turned in upon arrival at check-in and teams should supply judges (up to 5) with a copy during the Sales Presentation.

17. AUCTION- *The top two (2) high scoring project must sell in the Live Auction (2025)* 2. The project will be sold with no reserve or no floor price. 3. Top buyer will receive the project, but add on's are allowed after.

Rule 22. Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Skillathon

Entry - An entry fee of \$5 (2017) made payable to A.C.L.S. shall be made online (2011) and accompanied by entry fee, to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (2011) on or before the scheduled date for the November meeting.

Eligibility - Contestants must meet all Show Rule Requirements Divisions

The contest will be divided into three divisions. Junior Division is grades 3rd – 5th, Intermediate Division is grades 6th – 8th and Senior Division is grades 9th – 12th at the time of the show. (2016)

Contest - Preliminary Round: Consists of written questions and skill stations or identification.

Finals: The top three contestants from the senior age division will advance to the finals. Finals may be asked to give a speech are to participate in an interview with a panel of judges.

Speech topics will not be announced until the selection of our top three senior individuals are selected.

Study Materials: - The questions and topics will come from the following sources: Beef Cattle Skillathon Study Guide: <http://animalscienceold.tamu.edu/beefskillathon/index.html>

Sheep Skillathon Study Guide: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheepgoats>

Swine Skillathon Study Guides - The materials listed below will be used to develop the exams and the skills stations for the Swine Skillathon.

Study Materials for all Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) National Pork

Board: www.pork.org

Youth PQA Plus Manual Quick Facts Menu - I called "The Pork Industry at a Glance" Texas

AgriLife Extension Website:

http://texas4h.tamu.edu/project_swine Swine Project Guide, Quiz Bowl questions, Market Evaluation, etc.

Additional Study Materials for Intermediate & Senior Age Divisions National Pork Producers Council <http://www.nppc.org/>

Texas Pork Producers website: <http://www.texaspork.org/> USDA

website: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>

USDA FACTS SHEET Fresh Pork from Farm to Table

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/foodsafetyeducation/getanswers/food_safetyfactsheets/meatpreparation/freshporkfromfarmtotable/CT_Index

STUDY RESOURCES WILL HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE GOATS!!

Helpers - Each Organization participating in the Skillathon Contest will provide at least two helpers to put on the contest. These helpers must be identified one hour prior to the start of the skillathon contest.

Contest Area - ACLS Livestock Superintendent will assure that adequate space & testing facilities is available for all participants and that the area is roped off and clear for designated participants.