

2017 **CHANGES AND REMINDERS**

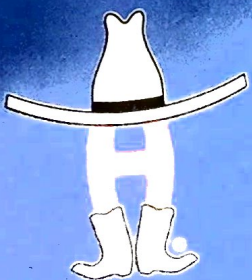


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RESIDUE AVOIDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO DRUG TEST JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS?

- » To protect the safety of the food supply
- » To foster fair competition

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A CEA, AST, PARENT OR EXHIBITOR?

KNOW THE RULES before you enter any livestock show.

These can be found in the Exhibitor Handbook, located on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website. When you sign the indemnification form, that is required for entry, you are agreeing to have read and to abide by all rules in the handbook.

WHAT ARE THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO RESIDUE AVOIDANCE RULES?

In short, the Houston Livestock Show maintains a Zero Tolerance policy which means if positive results are reported, we have an obligation to investigate in order to determine what circumstances led to this result.

- » **Zero Tolerance is based on the elimination period, rather than the withdrawal period.** There is a difference. The withdrawal period is the amount of time that must pass for consumed products to be safe. The elimination period is the amount of time it takes for all residue to be eliminated from an animal's system. For most drugs, the elimination period is longer than the withdrawal period.
- » **Unapproved drugs are prohibited.** Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication meant for human usage.

NOTE: Products labeled "all natural" that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test.

WHAT ARE BEST PRACTICES FOR AN ANIMAL THAT FALLS SICK LEADING UP TO THE SHOW?

- » Do not administer any medications before consulting with your veterinarian and make certain that both you and the veterinarian are aware of show rules. Consider the amount of time prior to arrival at the show and assume that the elimination period is longer than the labeled withdrawal period. **Make an informed decision.** The welfare of the animal takes priority over

competition, meaning that the best decision may be to leave the project at home.

- » **Document all treatment records.** If the animal is treated with an approved drug and withdrawal times are observed, maintain official record of treatment from the veterinarian, including date of administration and dosage.

IF I RECEIVE A POSITIVE TEST, AM I AUTOMATICALLY BANNED FOR LIFE?

Each case is handled on an individual basis. Exhibitors found in violation are offered an opportunity to explain the details of their case in a formal appeals hearing. Penalties range from withholding premiums to a lifetime ban, depending on the drug that was used and the circumstances surrounding use.

WHAT TYPES OF DRUGS WILL I BE PENALIZED FOR?

- » **Antibacterial Therapeutic Medications** - Used to treat infection, these compounds don't create competitive advantage, but can create food safety concerns if not used according to label directions.

The Houston Livestock Show does not test for the presence of antibiotics/antibacterials that have been FDA approved for the species and class of breeding animal in which they are administered.

- » **Non-Antibiotic Therapeutic Medications** - Inclusive of anti-inflammatories, antipyretics, diuretics and anesthetics, these medications can result in competitive advantage by altering the physical appearance of the animal and/or create concerns with food safety.
- » **Beta-agonists** - Originally developed as bronchodilators in humans, larger doses have a growth promoting effect in animals and result in increased muscle and decrease fat. Beta-agonists may cause food safety and animal welfare concerns if used in an unapproved species or not used according to the label. They may also create an unfair competitive advantage. Please note any exceptions to the use of beta-agonists below:

Zilpaterol Hydrochloride (Zilmax®)

THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL NOT TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF ZILPATEROL HYDROCHLORIDE (Zilmax®) IN MARKET STEERS. Further, the Show will not tolerate the presence of Zilmax® in any other market species or breeding animal.

THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL NOT TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF RACTOPAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (Topmax®) IN MARKET TURKEYS.

Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Optaflexx™, Paylean®)

The Houston Livestock Show will not be testing for the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride in steers (Optaflexx™) or market barrows (Paylean®). Exhibitors who choose to use these products are expected to follow all label directions. The Show will not tolerate the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride in species, or classes within species, for which they are not FDA approved.

The use of all other drugs in junior market and breeding animals, both unapproved and FDA approved, will be governed by the Junior Show Rules published in the 2017 Exhibitor Handbook.



2017 SCHEDULE AND JUDGES

JUNIOR MARKET SHOWS

SPECIE/BREED	DATE	JUDGE
Lambs	March 15-17	Kyle Smith
Goats	March 15-17	Bryan Bernhard
Poultry	March 15-16	
Broiler Cockerels	March 15	
Broiler Pullets	March 15	
Turkey Hens	March 16	
Turkey Toms	March 16	
Barrows	March 18-23	
Wave 1: Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China	March 19	
Wave 1: Berkshire, Spotted, Dark Cross	March 20	
Wave 2: Yorkshire, Chester White & OPB and Light Weight Other Cross	March 22	
Wave 2: Other Crossbred	March 23	
Scramble Steers	March 21	
Steers	March 20-24	Shane Bedwell

JUNIOR BREEDING SHOWS

Breeding Gilts	March 9-10
Breeding Sheep	March 11-13
Breeding Heifers	March 16-19
Scramble Heifers	March 17

JUNIOR MARKET AUCTIONS

EVENT	DATE
Poultry	March 17
Lamb & Goat	March 18
Barrow	March 24
Steer	March 25

JUNIOR SHOWS

Junior Commercial Steer	March 12-14
Tractor Tech Contest	March 20
Agricultural Mechanics	March 24-26

JUDGING CONTESTS

Young Guns Sporting Clay Shoot	March 3-5
4-H/FFA Horse Judging	March 8
4-H/FFA Beef Quiz Bowl	March 10
4-H/FFA Range & Plant ID	March 11
4-H/FFA Floriculture	March 11
4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape	March 11
Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board	March 11
4-H/FFA Meat Judging	March 12
Ag Science Fair	March 12
4-H/FFA Poultry Judging	March 14
4-H/FFA Food Challenge	March 14
4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat	March 18
Public Speaking Contest	March 19
4-H/FFA Livestock Judging	March 20
4-H/FFA Wool Judging	March 20
4-H/FFA Vet Science Skillathon	March 21
Ag Product ID	March 22
4-H/FFA Dairy Judging	March 25
Intercollegiate Meat	March 11
Intercollegiate Livestock	March 25
Intercollegiate Wool	March 25

2016 CHANGES & REMINDERS

STALLING AND TIE-OUTS

Steers, barrows and heifers will again be stalled upon arrival. To stall or pen together, groups must arrive and be in line together at the staging area. Animals will be counted on the trailer.

Steer and heifer packets will be distributed at the Airport Blvd stalling office, the driver of each trailer must know the exhibitor of each animal on their trailer to receive stalling assignments. The first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first. Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock. Pre-purchased heifer and steer tie-outs will be assigned and distributed at the Airport Blvd. stalling office. Heifer and steer exhibitors will not be allowed to purchase additional tie-outs until move-in is complete and are encouraged to purchase tie-outs when entering online. Exhibitors are limited to one tie-out per heifer or steer. Tie-outs will not be made available until move-in is complete. Junior market lambs and goats will be pre-penned at the discretion of Show management, depending on number of entries.

TRAILER PARKING

With the exception of Junior Show move-ins, trailer parking will remain open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RELEASES

Once releases are written for a particular show, exhibitors not requiring a trailer release will be allowed to enter North Stadium Drive from the livestock parking lot, as directed by the Breeders Greeters Committee and will NOT be required to stage at Airport Blvd. prior to entering North Stadium. For any release requiring a trailer, exhibitors must report to Airport Blvd. and stage prior to entering North Stadium Drive.

RESIDUE TESTING

All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on Show grounds. The Show practices a "Zero Tolerance" policy on all residue violations. Exhibitors must take their animal through the testing area unless a substitute is allowed by the superintendents. Exhibitors who violate this rule will be disqualified.

ENTRIES

ALL JUNIOR SHOW LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY THE CEA/AST ON OR BEFORE DEC. 1, 2016. COMPLETED ENTRY WORKSHEETS DO NOT ESTABLISH ENTRY!

As a requirement of entry, all junior livestock exhibitors MUST pass the Quality Counts Verification test. Visit agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification to access the test. Verification codes for each exhibitor MUST be entered upon entry.

CHECK-IN

For CEA's/AST's with 10 or more entry cards, a Kiosk "Express Lane" will be available for heifers, lambs, goats, and barrows. All cards must be from the same County or Chapter.

GROUND'S PASSES

Be sure to order grounds passes prior to arrival to avoid lines the day of the show. All gates into NRG Park will be manned beginning at 7 a.m. each morning. One complimentary grounds pass will be issued per club/chapter for the AST/CEA and only exhibitors entered in the Show will receive complimentary grounds passes.

VEHICLE PERMITS

Vehicle permits will be issued based on the number of exhibitors entered per club or chapter per week. For a listing of junior show parking pass distribution by number of exhibitors, view the Exhibitor Handbook.

JUNIOR MARKET AND BREEDING SHOWS

JUNIOR BREEDING GILTS

- » All gilts must be registered in the herdbook of their association. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all occur on or before Dec. 1, 2016.
- » There is no limit on the number of gilts an exhibitor may enter.

JUNIOR BREEDING SHEEP

- » All breeding sheep must be validated through the Texas 4-H/FFA breeding sheep validation program. The ownership deadline for breeding sheep is Oct. 1, 2016.
- » Birthdates will not be required at the time of entry.
- » There is no limit on the number of breeding sheep an exhibitor may enter.

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS

- » Exhibitors are required to bring the original registration paper to the show ring and to keep the original paper in their possession while exhibiting their heifer. At the conclusion of each class, registration papers will be checked and tattoos or brands will be verified on first through fourth placing heifers. The tattoo/brand on the animal must match the identification on the registration paper and that of the paper which was uploaded. Any exhibitor with a placing heifer not showing a matching tattoo/brand will forfeit that placing. The Show will not be responsible for branding or tattooing heifers during the Show. Identification must be correct prior to entering the show ring!

JUNIOR MARKET STEERS

- » Prior to arrival at the Show, steers must be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch (the tail switch being no more than 12 inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail). The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Once steers are in the staging area for classification, exhibitors will NOT be allowed to clip steers.

JUNIOR MARKET BARROWS

- » Wave 1 barrows must arrive to Airport Blvd. by 11 a.m. and kiosk check-in must be completed by 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. Wave 2 barrows must arrive to Airport Blvd. by 11 a.m. and kiosk check-in must be completed by 1:30 p.m. on March 21.

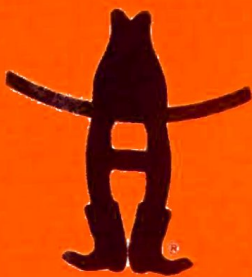
JUNIOR MARKET LAMBS AND GOATS

- » Lamb and goat pens will not be pre-bedded. Sawdust will be provided free of charge. Exhibitors wishing to use shavings will be required to purchase from the Show upon arrival. This rule will be strictly enforced. Champion Shavings will be sold by the feed store.

JUNIOR MARKET POULTRY SHOWS

- » The market poultry show will be a two-day show for 2017.
- » All poultry will arrive directly to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5.
- » Junior market broilers will arrive, sift and show on Wednesday, March 15th
- » Junior market turkeys will arrive, sift, and show on Thursday, March 16th
- » Champion Selection for both shows will be Thursday, March 16th





JUNIOR COMMERCIAL STEERS

The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Contest is open to 4-H and FFA members with an interest in learning about practical beef production. Along with raising a pen of three steers, exhibitors are required to complete a quiz, oral interview, and submit a completed record book. In addition to added point monies, each year, the Show awards the overall winner with a Ford truck. There is no limit on the number of exhibitors for 2017. To learn more, visit rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

JOB FAIR

This event enables high school juniors and seniors to visit with industry leaders about future job opportunities. Many of the representing companies will be looking to hire graduating seniors, and this gives them an opportunity to visit with the student's and see their work first-hand at the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show. The Agricultural Mechanics Job Fair will take place during the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show on the second floor of NRG Center. Companies will be viewing projects in the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show at this time.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Any substitutions for the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show must be made through the Show. A substitution fee of \$50 will be incurred if submitted after Feb. 1, 2017.

SCHOLARSHIPS

EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty livestock and horse show exhibitors will be awarded a four-year, \$18,000 college scholarship. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors who participate in the current show (2017) and one of the three previous years (2014, 2015, and 2016).

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Show will award five two-year, \$8,000 Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarships to outstanding students who qualify through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Mechanics Program. Only graduating seniors are eligible to apply.

HILDEBRAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Show will award one four-year, \$18,000 Scholarship in memory of Mrs. Ruth Hildebrand to an exhibitor in the Junior Market Lamb Show. Open to graduating senior participants in the Junior Market Lamb Show.

Visit rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholars/Apply for more information on scholarships and for the online application.

JUDGING CONTESTS AND OTHER EVENTS

In addition to grounds passes, two parking passes per team will be issued for all on-site judging contests. Judging contest participants will not be allowed on the grounds without a parking pass. Grounds and parking passes for the 2017 Judging Contests will be valid only for the day of the particular contest entered. Participants entered for off-site judging contests will not receive credentials in advance of the show. Entry Forms for contests will be posted online in the Fall.

AGRICULTURE SCIENCE FAIR: 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 9-18 are eligible to compete in junior and senior divisions. Topics include: Animal Systems, Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems, Food Products and Processing Systems, Plant Systems, Power, Structural and Technical Systems and Social Systems. A total of \$12,000 in cash awards and prizes will be awarded.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCT ID: The Agriculture Product ID contest is a great way to showcase your knowledge of Texas agriculture products and offers great team and individual prizes.

BEEF QUIZ BOWL: 4-H and FFA members are eligible to participate. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your knowledge of the beef industry and to win some great prizes.

FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST: 4-H and FFA members compete in teams of 3-5 to a dish in a predetermined food category. Increase your knowledge of food preparation, safety, and nutrition by participating in this contest.

VETERINARY SCIENCE SKILLATHON: 4-H and FFA members are eligible to participate. Great opportunity to increase your knowledge of animal agriculture and the veterinary field of study

YOUTH HORTICULTURE COMPETITION: Encourage your students to enter this competition for a chance to win cash prizes. Youth categories include Miniscapes, Container Grown Plants, Photography, Dining with a Texas Flair, Dining Duets and Rodeo Cup. \$3,100 in total cash prizes awarded in each category.

YOUNG GUNS SPORTING CLAY SHOOT: A shotgun sporting clay competition open to Texas 4-H/FFA members between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the third grade) and 18 on August 31, 2016. Over \$45,000 in total cash prizes awarded.

RANCHING AND WILDLIFE POSTER BOARD CONTEST:

Contestants submit a project focusing on the conservation or enhancement of Texas wildlife habitat affecting multiple species or the preservation or enhancement of a particular Texas wildlife species. Top contestants will be required to present their project to a panel of judges during the Show and a total of \$9,500 in cash prizes will be awarded. Look for more information to be posted to the website.

RANCHING AND WILDLIFE EXPO AND SEMINARS: Bring your students to a three day seminar showcasing educational programs that promote the conservation and co-existence of ranching and wildlife habitats. The sessions are targeting those interested range conservation, livestock maintenance, hunting, fishing and camping.

