



UPDATES & REMINDERS

I. Junior Show General Information

Junior Show Entry: Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online **and** credit card payment or check postmarked on or before December 1, 2024. Incomplete entries (entries either not submitted online or credit card payment or check not postmarked by December 1, 2024) will be assessed an additional 10% fee.

i. Late Entries: For any Junior Show entries submitted online and credit card payment or check postmarked or received from December 2-15, 2024, all standard entry fees will be doubled, if accepted.

ii. Past Due Entries: For any Junior Show entries with payment postmarked or received from December 16, 2024, until the end of check-in for the respective show or contest, a late entry fee of \$250 per entry will be assessed, if accepted.

Quality Counts: To be eligible to compete in the Junior Breeding, Junior Commercial and/or Junior Market Shows, exhibitors will need Quality Counts verification. The Quality Counts verification number must be recorded on the online entry when entering the project. Please refer to the website <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/> for information on how to become verified.

Breeding Show Ownership Deadlines:

Registration Certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals with the exception of Crossbred Gilts, Commercial Ewes and Commercial Does. Animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association in only the name of the Junior owner(s) on or before the required ownership date (see below). Registration Certificates must state the name of the Junior owner(s) only. Registration Certificates that list any additional names besides the name(s) the entry is validated under will be disqualified. Registration Certificates must be available upon request.

Purchase, delivery, possession, transfer, and registration must all take place on or before the required ownership date. Original Registration Certificates must be available during the show at all times.

Registered Sheep, Boer Breeding Goat: October 1, 2024 (Must be validated through Breeding Sheep or Breeding Goat Validation, respectively, on or before October 31, 2024) Note* Family validation is now allowed for breeding sheep and goats. Visit www.sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu for complete validation guidelines.

Commercial Ewes, Commercial Does, Beef Breeding Heifers: October 31, 2024 (Commercial Ewes and Does must be validated through Breeding Sheep or Breeding Goat Validation, respectively, on or before **October 31, 2024**. Beef Breeding Heifers must complete all phases of heifer validation through the Texas 4-H & FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program on or before **October 31, 2024**. **All Registration Papers must be uploaded by November 8, 2024.**)

Angora Breeding Goats and Junior Dairy Heifers : November 1, 2024

Breeding Swine, Crossbred Gilts: December 1, 2024 (Must complete all phases of gilt validation through the Texas 4-H & FFA Breeding Gilt Validation Program on or before December 1, 2024)

All Registration Papers for Purebred Gilts must be uploaded by January 6, 2025.

II. Junior Show Schedule/Changes

Junior Purebred Gilts - Feb. 4-6

Judge – Blane Olson; *Elkhart, IL*

Associate Judge – Kyle Knauth; *Milford, IL*

- Feb. 7 Show Order - Duroc, Landrace, Hampshire, Berkshire

- Feb. 8 Show Order - Spot, Chester White, Poland China, Yorkshire, Hereford

- Exhibitors may enter up to two (2) breeding gilts. Purebred Gilts MUST be state validated.

- Hereford gilts will again be in the 2025 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilt Show. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter a maximum of three (3) head in the Junior Purebred Gilt Show, BUT AT LEAST ONE (1) AND NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MUST BE A HEREFORD GILT.

- All gilts must have been farrowed between **JUNE** 1 and September 15, 2024 inclusive.

- 200 lbs - 350 lbs with a 15 lb weigh back

Junior Crossbred Gilt Show & Sale - Feb. 4-6

Judge – Eric Polich; *Woodward, IA*

- Check-In - Feb. 4; Show - Feb. 5; Sale - Feb. 6

- 200 lbs - 350 lbs with a 15-lb weigh back

Junior Dairy Cattle - Feb. 5-7

Judge – Ted Dement; *Kenney, IL*

Junior Registered Boer Goats - Feb. 7-8

Judge – Barrett Carlisle; *Leavenworth, KS*

Junior Commercial Doe - Feb. 7-8

Judge – Barrett Carlisle; *Leavenworth, KS*

Junior Registered Breeding Sheep - Feb. 7-8

Judge – Charles Seidensticker; *Comfort, TX*

Junior Commercial Ewe - Feb. 7-8

Judge – Joe Hobbs; *Newton, KS*

Junior Angora Breeding Goats - Feb. 7-9

Judge – TBA

Junior Market Goats - Feb. 10-11; Auction - Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 10 am

Judge – Eric Zimmerman; *Franklin, TX*

Junior Market Lambs - Feb. 10-12; Auction - Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 2 pm

Judge – Dan Willoughby; *Westfield, IN*

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers - Wave 1 - Feb. 10-11; Wave 2 - Feb. 13-14

Wave 1 – ARRIVAL: All American breeds and ONLY Simmentals & ORBs ENTERED in the SIMBRAH/SIMMENTAL SUPERBOWL

Judges – (North Ring) Dr. Blake Bloomberg; *Secor, IL*

– (South Ring) Harlan Yocham; *Sapulpa, OK*

- Feb. 11 Show Order – North Ring – Simbrah, Red Brangus, Brangus, ARB

– South Ring – Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis

- ARB Recognized Breeds for 2025: **ARB (American Registered Breeds):** Open to heifers of *Bos Indicus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association on or before October 31, 2024. The breeds recognized are Beefmaster Advancer, Braford, Brangus Premium Gold/Brangus Built, Brangus Optimizer, Brangus UltraBlack, Brangus UltraRed, Certified Beefmaster E6, Golden Certified F1, Percentage Simbrah, *Simbrah, Simbravieh and Star 5.

Wave 1 – DEPARTURE: All cattle not entered in Superbowl must be out of barn by 10 AM on 2/12

All remaining cattle except Simmentals & ORBs must be out of barn by NOON on 2/12

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers—Continued

Wave 2 – ARRIVAL: British & Continental breeds

Judges – (North Ring) Krisha Geffert; *Reedsburg, WI*

– (South Ring) Nick Fitzsimmons; *Perry, OK*

- Feb. 14 Show Order – North Ring – Hereford, Simmental, Shorthorn, Polled Hereford, Maine-Anjou
– South Ring – Angus, Limousin, Charolais, Red Angus, Chianina, ORB

- ORB Recognized Breeds for 2025:

ORB (Other Registered Breeds): Open to heifers of *Bos taurus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association on or before October 31, 2024. The breeds recognized are Braunvieh, MaineTainer, Percentage Charolais, Percentage Simmental, Red Angus Category 1B and Shorthorn Plus.

- All 4-H and FFA members are required to validate their heifer projects through the Texas 4-H & FFA Heifer Validation Program.

Junior Market Barrows - Wave 1 - Feb. 14-16 Wave 2 - Feb. 18-20;

- Auction - Friday, Feb. 21 @ 1 pm

Judges – Will Hilty; *Mount Pleasant, PA* (Spot, Poland China, Dark Crossbred, Landrace, Crossbred)
Ben Bobell; *Lincoln, IL* (Berkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Chester White, Yorkshire)

• **Official turn-in weight range is: minimum 250 lbs. to MAXIMUM 300 lbs. inclusive**

- Wave 1 Show Order – Day 1: Berkshire, Spot, Poland, Hampshire; Day 2: Duroc, Dark Crossbred

- Wave 2 Show Order – Day 1: Chester, York, Landrace, Light Weight Cross; Day 2: Remaining Crosses

Junior Market Steers - Wave 1 - Feb. 17-18, Wave 2 - Feb. 19-21;

- Auction - Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 10 am

Judge – Blake Nelson; *Platte City, MO*

Assistant Judge – Spencer Scotten; *Nevada, MO*

- Tuesday, Feb. 18 Show Order: Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC

- Thursday, Feb. 20 Show Order: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross

- Friday, Feb. 21 Show Order: Black Cross, Other Cross

Junior Commercial Steers - Feb. 17-18

- Exhibitors must own their steers on or before **September 1, 2024**

Junior Market Poultry - Feb. 5; Auction - Friday, Feb. 22 @ 10 am

Junior Market Broiler Judge – Micah Osburn; *College Station, TX*

Junior Turkey Hen Judge – Keith Scott; *Floresville, TX*

Junior Turkey Tom Judge – Keith Staggs; *College Station, TX*

PREMIUM PASS

Available in 2025 for the following species arrivals only:

Junior Purebred Gilt, Crossbred Gilt (40 Passes Available)

Junior Breeding Sheep & Goat (40 Passes Available)

Junior Market Lamb & Goat (80 Passes Available)

Junior Breeding Heifer Wave 1 and 2 (20 Passes Available per Wave)

Junior Market Barrow Wave 1 and 2 (40 Passes Available per Wave)

Junior Market Steer Wave 1 and 2 (20 Passes Available per Wave)

- Optional **NON-TRANSFERABLE** pass providing an expedited arrival service at SCP

- Available for purchase during time of entry. Must be purchased by CEA/AST.

- Premium Passes will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis via the online entry system. Must complete check-out for Premium Passes in order to guarantee their purchase.

- Must meet minimum head-per-trailer requirement to be eligible.

III. Junior Contests

Swine Skillathon - Tues., Feb. 4	Cattle Barn Arena
Landscape Challenge - Wed., Feb. 5	**TBA
Nursery Landscape Judging - Wed., Feb. 5	Dairy Center/Auction Barn
Food Challenge - Thurs., Feb. 6	Exposition Hall 2
Dairy Judging Contest - Thurs., Feb. 6	Cattle Barn Arena
Wildlife Judging Contest - Fri., Feb. 7	*National Shooting Complex
Agricultural Public Speaking - Sat., Feb. 8	*Education Service Center, R-20
Wool Judging Contest - Sat., Feb. 8	SALE Headquarters
Horse Skillathon - Sun., Feb. 9	Dairy Center/Auction Barn
Horse Judging Contest - Mon., Feb. 10	Freeman Coliseum
Sheep Skillathon - Mon., Feb. 10	Morris Activity Center
Beef Cattle Skillathon - Mon., Feb. 10	Cattle Barn Arena
Junior Shoot-Out - Feb. 12-16	*National Shooting Complex
Agrobotics Challenge - Thurs., Feb. 13	Cattle Barn Arena
Poultry Judging Contest - Thurs., Feb. 13	Morris Activity Center
Floriculture Contest - Fri., Feb. 14	Expo Hall 1 - Hall A Street Fair
Meat Science Skillathon - Fri., Feb. 14	SALE Headquarters
Consumer Decision Making Contest - Sat., Feb. 15	SALE Headquarters
Agricultural Science Fair - Sat., Feb. 15	Cattle Barn
<i>- Documentation must be electronically submitted on or before Jan. 10, 2025</i>	
Meat Judging Contest - Sun., Feb. 16	*Colorado Boxed Beef
Ag Mechanics Sales Competition & Marketplace - Feb. 21-23	Swine Barn
Junior Ag Mechanics Show - Feb. 21-23	Morris Activity Center/Swine Barn
Livestock Judging Contest - Sun., Feb. 23	Cattle Barn

* Off Grounds Location ** To Be Announced

IV. Open Show Entries must be submitted online and postmarked on or before December 1, 2024.

V. Calf Scramble

2025 Calf Scramble Participants:

- Application, Entry Procedures and Rules will be posted at www.sarodeo.com by November 1, 2024.

2024 Calf Scramble Participants:

- Record Book Deadline – Final Record Book must be submitted online by January 10, 2025.

- Report Deadlines – Reports must be submitted by the 10th of their respective month.

Attention: Please make certain the correct club/chapter AND exhibitor contact information (mailing address, phone number and email address) is provided at time of entry. This information is critical to communication updates, payments and scholarships. We appreciate your assistance with this detail.

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Please refer to the 2025 Competitive Events Premium List for additional information.

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Significant Changes and Reminders for 2025

CHANGES for 2025

- **GILTS:**
 - In the 2025 Junior Purebred Gilt Show, Duroc classes will be broken into 3 divisions and Berkshires classes will be broken into 2 divisions.
- **COMMERCIAL EWES AND DOES:**
 - In 2025, we will have three divisions with associated classes for the Doe Kid and Ewe Lamb Divisions. All Yearling/2-Tooth and older animals will show in one class.
- **BREEDING HEIFERS:**
 - Per the Texas Limousin Association rules, Fullblood, Purebred, Lim-Flex and Percentage heifers will ALL compete in the SAME classes and championships. There will be no Lim-Flex heifers in the ORB Division in 2025.
- **SWINE PREMISE ID TAGS:** No Swine Premise ID tags will be allowed in any Purebred or Crossbred Gilts and Market Barrows. Only the Texas Validation tag will be allowed in the ear. All other tags will be removed. If the Premise ID tag is removed, it will be linked to the Texas Validation tag number by agreement with USDA, Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Swine Validation.
- **MARKET STEERS:**
 - In 2025, there will be three Red Angus classes instead of two. We will continue selling 6 head of Red Angus steers, so we will place and sell two in each of the three classes.
 - Grand Champion Re-weigh: Prior to the selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, all Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions may be re-weighed. Breed Champions or Reserve Breed Champions weighing more than **6%** heavier than the official turn-in weight would be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion honors. They would retain their status as Breed or Reserve Breed Champion.
- **COMMERCIAL STEERS:** Initial Weight: Aug. 26 – Sept. 1 & Final Weight: Jan. 26 – Feb. 1; Record Books must be mailed by UPS/FedEx and posted by February 3, 2025.
- **NEW ITEMS:** Swine Barn will have all new bleachers in 2025.
- **FOOD CHALLENGE:** WILL MOVE TO A TEAM CONTEST IN 2025. Each team will consist of at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. There is no limit on the number of team entries entered per club/chapter, but a contestant may only participate on one team. However, due to time and facility restraints, entries may be selected by random drawing. If an entry is not selected, entry fees for the respective entry will be refunded.
- **AGROBOTICS CHALLENGE:** We will continue with the split division schedule as we did in 2024. In 2025, we will begin with the Senior Division followed by the Junior Division.
- **JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING:** Participants will be required to turn in hard copies of their Statements of Originality on the day of the contest in addition to online submission by January 10, 2025.
- **JUNIOR AG MECHANICS:**
 - A Showmanship Award will be awarded in each division of the Junior Ag Mechanics Show.
 - Stay tuned for an updated Class List and Naming, Describing, & Classification Document.
 - Class 1502 - Tractors, Backhoes, & Compact Construction Equipment (CCE)- Compact Construction Equipment cannot exceed 20,000 lbs. based on manufacturer specification sheet
 - No For Sale signs and/or Raffle Ticket Sales on Ag Mechanic Projects for fundraising purposes throughout the duration of the Jr. Ag Mechanic Show.

- **JUNIOR AG MECHANICS MARKETPLACE:** An Ag Mechanic Project entered in the Ag Mechanic Marketplace Competition that has been disqualified for any reason WILL NOT be Permitted to enter, exhibit and participate in the JAM Project Show.
- **MARKET BARROWS & STEERS:** Look for Sale Spot Adjustments to be announced later this summer. Number qualifying for the sale per specie will remain the same, but the breed/division distribution may change.
- **CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS:** Get your Carnival Wristbands early and save big! You can now pre-order your carnival wristbands with your ENTRIES and save 50% off regular pricing.
 - Regular wristband price = \$50
 - Limited time offer pre-sale price = \$25

Don't miss out on your chance at unlimited carnival rides and hours of fun this year. This offer will only be available until entries close on December 15, 2024.

REMINDERS

- Premium List to be released October 1, 2024 – Please read and if you have any questions, contact us.
- **SCHEDULE:** Our Schedule is Tentative. Please watch for updates and check the Premium List when it is released.
- **ENTRY SYSTEM:** Please make sure **all information** is updated for YOU and YOUR exhibitors. Please be especially mindful of your physical mailing addresses.
- **PREMIUM PASSES:**
 - All Premium Passes **must** be purchased during the ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS. Closes December 15th, 2024.
- **PARKING PASSES:** LS1/LS2 Parking Passes **MUST BE PURCHASED AT TIME OF ENTRY**
 - **Open Show Exhibitors:** Each exhibitor may purchase up to three Parking Passes for the week they are showing. Week 1 Parking Passes may be purchased at time of entry through the Competitive Events Entry System **ONLY**.
 - **Junior Show Exhibitors:** Each exhibitor may purchase one Parking Pass for each week they are showing. Week 1 and/or Week 2 Parking Passes may be purchased at time of entry through the Competitive Events Entry System **ONLY**.
 - **Club/Chapters:** Each Club/Chapter will be issued one free Parking Pass valid for each week exhibitors are showing for the AST/CEA or CTE/STEM Director to supervise projects. Each Club/Chapter will have the option to purchase up to three additional Parking Passes per week for additional AST/CEA or CTE/STEM Directors who will be supervising projects. Each judging team will receive one (1) free Day Parking Pass valid for date of contest.

Week #1 LS1 Parking Pass (Valid Feb. 8-16) \$50.00 (If purchased on or before December 15, 2024)
NO PURCHASE AVAILABLE AFTER Dec 15th.

Week #2 LS2 Parking Pass (Valid Feb. 16-25) \$50.00 (If purchased on or before December 15, 2024)
NO PURCHASE AVAILABLE AFTER Dec 15th.

- **STALLING:** If you want to stall together, you must arrive at Salado Creek Property together.
- **GILTS:**
 - We will continue to have Hereford gilts in our 2025 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilt Show. Again, we do not want to prevent anyone from bringing two gilts of breeds currently eligible for scholarships. Therefore, we will allow exhibitors to enter a maximum of three (3) head in the Junior Purebred Gilt Show, **BUT AT LEAST ONE (1) AND NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MUST BE A HEREFORD GILT.** This will be enforced at Check-in. If anyone is found violating this rule, **ALL** entries will be disqualified. Hereford Gilts will not be eligible for a scholarship in 2025, but Premiums will be awarded.
 - We will continue working with the swine registries to DNA test, at minimum, Breed and Reserve Breed Champions in the Purebred Gilt Show.

- **HORSE SKILLATHON:** Now under Competitive Events and should be entered through our Online Entry System.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** All DIGITAL photo submissions. No mounted photos will be accepted.
- **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION ADD-ON PORTAL:** The Jr Livestock Auction Add-On Portal may be accessed on the following website: <https://www.sarodeo.com/p/competitive-events/livestock-show/junior-livestock-auctions1>. Add-ons may be made online or in-person during the auctions. All add-ons must be received prior to the end of business day the first Friday of March (March 7, 2025).

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact Brian and Morgan in the Competitive Events Office if you have any questions or comments. 210-225-0575