

2025-26 Fort Bend County 4-H Major Shows Calendar

Go to our online calendar for the most up to date information and even more events!

<https://agrillife.org/ftbend4h/events/month/>

Fort Bend 4-H Faculty and Staff

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- *Fort Bend County Validation Committee*, fbcstatevalidation@gmail.com (Validation, Tag Orders)

Fort Bend 4-H Online

Texas 4-H website <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

District 9 4-H Website <https://d94-h.tamu.edu/>

Fort Bend 4-H website <https://agrillife.org/ftbend4h/>

Fort Bend 4-H Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FortBendCounty4H/>

Fort Bend 4-H Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/fortbend4h/>

Fort Bend County Fair <https://www.fortbendcountyfair.com/>

Heart O' Texas (HOT) Website <https://www.hotfair.com/>

State Fair of Texas (SFT) Livestock Show Website <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/livestock-shows/>

SFT Creative Arts Website <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/creative-arts-competitions/>

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) Website [Exhibitors & Contestants - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo](#)

MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS CALENDAR

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<p>July 28th 2025 State Fair of Texas Youth Craft Contest Entries Due</p> <p>July 30th 2026 HLSR Junior Commercial Steer Entry Portal Opens</p>	<p>August 2025 HLSR Archery Contest Entry Portal Opens Heifer/Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Open (Fall Validation)</p> <p>August 4th-August 25th 2025 Heart O' Texas Entry Portal Opens Livestock Show Calf Scramble Youth Contests</p> <p>August 1st-August 25th 2025 State Fair Of Texas Entry Portal Opens Livestock Show Calf Scramble Youth Contest</p> <p>August 15th 2026 HLSR Junior Commercial Steer Entry Portal Closes 2025-2026 4-H Registration Opens</p> <p>FBC 4-H Major Show Entry Nights (Fall Majors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 7th 4pm-7pm • August 18th 4pm-7pm 	<p>September 8th Entry Deadline for HOT Ag Mechanics Contest</p> <p>September 28th Entry Deadline for HOT Livestock Judging Contest</p>	<p>October 10th-October 12th 2025 HLSR Archery Contest</p> <p>October 13th Heifer/Lamb/Goat Tag Orders due for FBC State Fall Validation</p> <p>October 31st 2025-2026 4-H Online Registration Ends (Regular Price)</p>

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	Office Closed 4	5
6	7	8	9 FBC 4-H Day Camp	10	11	12
13	14	15 D9 Record Book Judging	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Parent/Leader Advisory Board Mtg 2025 State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Entry Deadline	29	30	31 Jr. Commercial Steer Entry Portal Opens (HLSR)		

Events

Holiday

July 4 – Independence Day

**We close early the business day before
all holidays**

SFT Creative Arts Entry Deadline

To compete in the Creative Arts/Arts and Crafts competition for SFT, you must register/enter through the SFT Creative Arts Portal by July 28th, 2025. All entries will be due for drop-off at the SFT Office between 08/01-08/03/2025

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Early Heifer Tag Orders Open 1 2025 SFT Entry Portal Opens SFT Creative Arts Drop-Off Begins	2
3 SFT Creative Arts Drop-Off Ends	4-H Open House 4 Entry Night Sign Up Due 2025 HOT Entry Portal Opens	5	6	7 Major Show Entry Night	8 Turkey Orders for HLSR/RA/SALE Due	9
10	11 Early Lamb/Goat Tags Orders Open	12 4-H Open House	13	14	15 2025-2026 4-H Online Registration Starts HLSR Jr. Comm. Steer Entries Due	16
17	18 Major Show Entry Night Quality Counts Deadline (for Fall Majors under FBC 4-H)	19 4-H Open House	20	21	22 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline (for Fall Majors under FBC 4-H) 2025 SFT and HOT Parent Portal Entry Deadline	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Early Heifer Tag Orders Due	30 Late Heifer Tags Orders Open
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Events

Major Show Entry Night (Includes Livestock Shows and Contests)

Make sure you get your registration for major shows. You must schedule an appointment on designated Major Show Entry Nights. For any questions, contact Jarielle Afolabi-Craige – Sr. Office Assistant, 4-H, jarie.afolabi-craige@ag.tamu.edu

4-H Open House

Join us for our upcoming 4-H Open House events to meet the Fort Bend County 4-H staff and learn more about 4-H! The August 19th 4-H Open House will also serve as a registration night for the 2025-2026 4-H Year. For any questions, contact Willa Williams, CEA 4-H Youth Development, willa.williams@ag.tamu.edu

2025-2026 4-H Registration

4-H Online will open August 15th for 4-H enrollment for the 2025-2026 year. You must be a registered 4-Her to participate in Fort Bend County Fair and Fall Major Shows. You must enroll/re-enroll by August 22nd to show under FBC 4-H. Contact fortbend4h@ag.tamu.edu for any questions.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 HOT Ag Mechanics Contest Entry Deadline	9	10 Early Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Due	11 Late Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Open	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 HOT Trap Shooters Extravaganza
21 HOT Trap Shooters Extravaganza	22	23	24 HOT Livestock Show/Contests Begins	25	26 Office Closed FBC Fair SFT Begins	27 FBC Fair
28 FBC Fair HOT Livestock Judging Contest Entry Deadline	29 FBC Fair	30 FBC Fair				

Events

Holidays

September 1 – Labor Day

September 26 – FBC Fair Day

We close early the business day before all holidays

Tag Orders for Validation

Tag Order deadlines for Fall Validation **Heifer: Aug. 1-29 (Early), Aug. 30-Oct. 13 (Late). Lamb/Goat: Aug. 11-Sept. 10 (Early), Sept. 11-Oct. 13 (Late).** You must purchase a tag for your animal to be validated. For questions concerning Tag Orders, contact Jarielle Afolabi-Craige at jarie.afolabi-craige@ag.tamu.edu or FBC State Validation Committee at fbcstatevalidation@gmail.com

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FBC Fair	2 FBC Fair	3 FBC Fair	4 FBC Fair
5 FBC Fair Ends	6	7	8	9	10 HSLR Archery Competition Starts	11
12 HOT Ends HLSR Archery Competition Ends	13 Late Lamb/Goat/Heifer Tag Orders Due	14	15	16	17	18
19 SFT Ends	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 2025-2026 4-H Online Registration Ends (Regular Price)	

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Heifer/Lamb/Goat Validation for Spring Majors

Validation days for Spring Majors TBA. All animals must be validated by FBC State Validation to be eligible to compete. Steers are ONLY validated during the summer. For more information on Validation, contact fbystatevalidation@gmail.com