

2019

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show



Livestock Rule Book

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

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

**Check website for any date changes or other information
www.matagordacountyfair.com**

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WARNING

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

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



Dear Livestock Exhibitor and Parents,

I would like to introduce myself; I am Wayne Bender, the Matagorda County Livestock Chairman.

Attached is the 2019 MCFLA Livestock Rule Book. Due to the importance of these rules, I encourage each parent and exhibitor to take the time and read over all the information throughout the book, especially the areas that pertain to your project. Over the past few months the board has made several changes to some of the rules. Please read them carefully, this will avoid any confusion or misunderstandings throughout the upcoming 2019 Fair year.

If you have any questions about the rule book, please feel free to email me @ mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I wish you the best of luck in your project.

Sincerely,

Wayne Bender
Livestock Chairman

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SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES

Please read the Livestock Rule Book for all rules and regulations pertaining to the 2019 Show. Some dates, rule changes, etc. are:

1. **The 2019 Matagorda County Fair-** Livestock Show and Rodeo dates are Friday, February 22, 2019 - Sunday, March 3, 2019.
2. **Rule Books-**The Junior Commercial Heifer and Home Economic rules books can be accessed online at www.matagordacountyfair.com, they are not included in the Livestock Rulebook.
3. **Steer Tag In-** The official tag-in and tattoo dates and locations will be
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds, Bay City.
Saturday, September 15, 2018 8:00-10:00 a.m., Palacios
4. **Entry Form Deadlines-**All Livestock entry forms are due at the Extension Office on Friday, October 26, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. All Livestock Show Entry Forms must be signed prior to Entry Due Date. Unsigned forms will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Entry forms received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline, will then be subject to a \$100.00 late fee, plus the entry fee of \$20.00 for a total of \$120.00. A \$100.00 late fee plus \$10.00 entry fee will be assessed for the addition of a Family or Alternate Tagged Animal to original entry form after the entry deadline. Information on entry form is final; any changes after the deadline, such as club or chapter will need to be presented to the fair board for approval. A new completed entry form will need to be turned in to the extension office to be eligible to show.
5. **Late entries-** for Goats, Lambs, Swine and Rabbits will be accepted in the Extension Office provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a) Animal is tagged in at the regularly scheduled tag-in date for the species.
 - b) The completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$20.00 and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$120.00 is turned in on or before 5:00 p.m. the Friday immediately following the species tag-in date.
 - c) All paper work and fees are to be turned in to the Matagorda County Extension Office.
6. **Late entries for poultry-** will be accepted no later than November 2, 2018 due to the time needed to order. The completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$130.00 and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$230.00 is turned in on or before 5:00 p.m. the Friday immediately following the species tag-in date.
7. **Family Tagged Projects-** Steer, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals.
8. **Changing of Projects-**
 - a) Exhibitors may change projects without Fair Board Approval, as long as they tag-in a new project on that species tag-in date.
 - b) Exhibitor must submit a new completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$20.00 and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$120.00 to the Extension office before 5:00 pm the Friday immediately following the species tag-in date.
 - c) The last project tagged-in, with the entry forms and fees properly submitted will be the only project eligible for the 2019 Show.
 - d) All other tagged entries will be disqualified and all other forms voided.

9. **Assigning space-** will be done through the Main Office with the assistance of Department Chairman. No person shall take possession of a stall or coop without having been so assigned. **All Lambs, Goats, Swine & Steers will be issued a stall assignment and the exhibitor must abide by the set assignment.**

10. **Auction Sale Numbers** – A final sales percentage for each species will be determined after the final tag-in. All species will sell at an equal percentage up to 65 lots per species.

11. **Steer Showmanship Clinics-** Four steer showmanship clinics have been scheduled. Each steer exhibitor is required to attend two of the four clinics with their steer. Both steer and exhibitor must be present to receive credit for this clinic. Exhibitor and steer must be present and in arena by 9:00 a.m. to participate in clinic. If a family of 2 tags in 4 total steers, each child and steers must attend 2 of the 4 steer clinics with all 4 of the tagged steers. Each child must exhibit all 4 steers twice. Exhibitor must exhibit steer to the satisfaction of the Showmanship Judge to receive credit for clinic. Exhibitor must sign the attendance sheet when leaving the clinic.

- Failure to comply will make the exhibitor and the steer ineligible for the February / March Show.***

12. **Steer Showmanship Clinics are scheduled for:**

Saturday, November 10, 2018	Fairgrounds.	Scales available at 8:00 a.m.	Showmanship at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 1, 2018	"	"	"
Saturday, January 12, 2019	"	"	"
Saturday, February 9, 2019	"	"	"

13. **Bucket Calves-** The entry deadline for Bucket Calves will be January 25, 2019. No exceptions!

14. **Thank You Cards** – All 4-H and FFA exhibitors Thank You cards are to be turned in to the Extension Office by Thursday, March 28, 2019.

15. **Cleaning of the Grounds-** All exhibitors that make the show and sell their project in Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 2, 2019 will be required to return to the fairgrounds at 7:00 a.m. on the Sunday morning following the auction for the release of their livestock project and to clean up the area that their project was housed in and the area around them. Each exhibitor will be required to sign in by 7:00 a.m. with the director in charge and must not sign out before 8:00 a.m. with the director in charge. Exhibitors that do not return to clean their project area by 7:00 a.m. will have \$200.00 deducted from their livestock check as a cleanup fine. Exhibitors that fail to sign in and sign out with a director will have \$200.00 deducted from their livestock check as a cleanup fine. Load out and removal of all livestock projects will begin at 7:00 a.m.

Important Dates

(Dates are Subject to Change)

EXHIBIT	Entry Form Due	Time	Excused Absences for Tag In Due	TIME	TAG IN/ VALIDATION	TIME	CLINIC	TIME	WEIGH IN	TIME	SHOW	TIME
STEER	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Tuesday, September, 11 2018 OR Friday, September, 14 2018 NOON (Fair Office)		Wed. Sept. 12, 2018 4-6 p.m (Fairgrounds) OR Sat. Sept. 15, 2018 8-10 a.m (Palacios)		Nov. 10 2018 Dec. 1 2018 Jan. 12 2019 Feb. 9 2019	9 am (Fairgrounds)	Wednesday, February 27 2019	3:00pm-5:00pm	Thursday February 28 2019	Noon if 50 or less 11:00 if more than 50.
SWINE	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Friday, November 30 2018	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, December 1 2018	6:30am- 9:00am	None	None	Wednesday, February 27 2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	Thursday February 28 2019	7:30am
LAMB	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Friday, November 9 2018	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, November 10 2018	8:00am- 9:30am	None	None	Wednesday, February 27 2019	8:00am-10:00am	Wednesday, February 27 2019	1:00pm/ Following the Goat Show
GOAT	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Friday, November 9 2018	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, November 10 2018	8:00am- 9:30am	None	None	Wednesday, February 27 2019	8:00am-10:00am	Wednesday, February 27 2019	1:00pm
RABBIT	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Tuesday January 15 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Wednesday, January 16 2019	4:00pm-6:00pm	TBA	TBA	None	None	Wednesday, February 27 2019	7:00am
POULTRY	Friday, October 26 2018	5:00pm	Thursday, January 17 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Pick Up- Tentative date & Time: Friday, January 18 2019	TBA	TBA	TBA	None	None	Wednesday, February 27 2019	7:30am
BUCKET CALF	Friday, January 25 2019	5:00pm	None	None	None	None	TBA	TBA	None	None	Friday, March 1 2019	2:00pm

***Jr. Livestock Auction: Saturday March 2, 2019**

***Sunday Clean-Up:** All exhibitors that make the show and sell their project in the Home Economics Food Auction on Saturday, February 23, 2019 or in the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 2, 2019 will be required to return to the fairgrounds at 7:00 a.m. on the Sunday morning following the auction for the release of their livestock project and to clean up the area that their project was housed in and the area around them. They will be required to Sign-In by 7:00 am with Director in charge and Must not sign-out before 8:00 am with Director in charge

***Thank you Notes:** Stamped, Addressed, Unsealed THANK YOU letters must be turned in at the Extension Office no later than Thursday, March 28, 2019 in order to receive your check.

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the final absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of this show will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the Association Committee may order.
- II. **Liability**--Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the entry blanks, and shall indemnify the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to other persons or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibits exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the exhibits so exhibited.
- III. **No-Pass, No-Play**--The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities 33.081-33.083.

Provides that a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League during the first three weeks of the grade reporting periods after grade reporting periods in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than identified honors or advance class. After a six-week grade reporting period or after the first six weeks of a semester or grade reporting period, in the case of a district with a reporting period longer than six weeks, a child who receives a grade below 70 is suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for three weeks, and for three-week intervals thereafter if all grades are not above 70.

- ❖ A suspended student may practice or rehearse with other students for an extracurricular activity but may not participate in a competition or other public performance.
- ❖ Provides that a student enrolled in a school district who participates in an extracurricular activity or UIL competition is subject to school district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any other time specified by resolution of the board of trustees of the district.
- ❖ Requires all UIL rules approved for the current year.

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

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

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

Excused Absences for Steer, Lamb, Goat, Swine, Poultry and Meat Pen Rabbit Tag-In

- I. **Excused Absences for Tag-In/ Validation:** Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event in which exhibitor will be participating in to the **Fair Office (Fairgrounds)** for board approval prior to noon on the last business day before Tag in/ Validation date of that species. *See Important dates page #7 for dates.* The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.
- II. **Excused Absences for February and March Show and Auction** – Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two weeks prior to the event. The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.
- III. **Curfew** will begin each day at 11:00 p.m. till 5:30 a.m. No one (with the exception of the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and/or official veterinarian) will be allowed in the Livestock barns during this time. Security will be provided. Lights will be out and all exhibitors and parents are to be out of the Livestock areas at this time. **Failure to comply with curfew rules will result in a \$25.00 penalty fine, deductible from the sales or premium check, or exhibitor will not be eligible to sell at auction.**
- IV. **Protests**—All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair entries must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging and be accompanied by a \$200 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once championship judging has commenced, NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' and Classifiers' decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen. (The protest procedure excludes the substance abuse protest procedure.)
- V. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. Parents are held responsible for all their children's actions.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Official Veterinarians:** Ralph Cole, Andrea Muegge, Tess Crider, Josh Shields, Randy Volkmer, Lafy Saha, Jana Zapalac, Audrey Jacoby and Bryan Sherman.
2. **All judges** will be selected as soon as possible after April 1. Judges will be selected by Agents, Teachers, and Livestock Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association.
3. **Competition** - Only Junior entrants will be allowed to exhibit market stock and participate in the auction
4. **Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** - A junior entrant (exhibitor) must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club or Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of club meetings to be eligible to participate in the Livestock Show; must be a current resident of Matagorda County **or** enrolled in Matagorda County school, credited courses at a home school, private school, or public school to be eligible to exhibit in the Market or Commercial Heifer division; must own his own exhibit individually for the specified length of time required in each of the classes, must have fed his/her exhibit at residence or designated property in Matagorda County under the supervision of the Matagorda County Extension Agents or County High School Agricultural Science Instructors.
 - a) All Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag in until the animal release date at the fair.
 - b) All entries must be kept in Matagorda County and/or in the Palacios School District at the physical address shown on the entry form. If a project needs to be relocated, exhibitor need to notify the Fair Office by email or fax with the new location for which the project will be house and for the estimated length of time that the project will be at the new property. Exhibitor must receive a confirmation of receipt before moving the project.
 - c) The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the MCFLA Board. Exceptions include participating in a major show, animal is under listed veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required by a board approval veterinarian), or other reasons approved by the Board. Please notify the Fair Office by email or fax with a confirmation of receipt before leaving the county. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued.
 - d) All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spot check feeders at any time without notice. Violations will make the animal and exhibitor ineligible for the current year's fair. A second offense will make the family ineligible indefinitely. Refusal to allow spot checks or refusal to allow those authorized to conduct spot checks onto the property where livestock animals are located, will cause the exhibitor to be ineligible to show at the current year's fair.
5. **Application for Entry/Entry Fee/Release and Indemnity Agreement** - There is a non-refundable \$20.00 entry fee for each exhibitor.

6. **Entry Form Deadlines-** All Livestock entry forms are due at the Extension Office on Friday, October 26, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. All Livestock Show Entry Forms must be signed prior to Entry Due Date. Unsigned forms will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Entry forms received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline will be subject to a \$100.00 late fee, plus the entry fee of \$20.00 for a total of \$120.00. A \$100.00 late fee plus \$10.00 entry fee will be assessed for the addition of a Family or Alternate Tagged Animal to original entry form after the entry deadline. Information on entry form is final; any changes after the deadline, such as club or chapter will need to be presented to the fair board for approval. A new completed entry form will need to be turned in to the extension office to be eligible to show.
7. **Entry Forms-** Ag Science Teachers or 4-H Club Managers will be responsible for signing the entry forms for the livestock show. Forms must be signed prior to project entry deadline. Unsigned forms will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.
8. **Minimum Entries-** Any livestock division that has ten or less entries may be eliminated from the following years show.
9. **Limit of Entries** - A 4-H or FFA exhibitor will be limited to one market entry to show. Market entries are steer, lamb, goat, swine, poultry or meat pen rabbit.
 - a) Steer, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals.
 - b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
10. **Family Tagged Animal** –The parameters of a “Family Tagged” animal are: siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted. Note: If siblings have different last names, it must be noted on the Entry Form and Validation Sheet at Tag-in. This is interpreted as immediate family members living in the same household.
11. **Changing of Projects-**
 - a) Exhibitors may change projects without Fair Board Approval, as long as they tag-in a new project on that species tag-in date.
 - b) Exhibitor must submit a new completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$20.00 and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$120.00 to the Extension office before 5:00 pm the Friday immediately following the species tag-in date.
 - c) **The last project tagged-in, with the entry forms and fees properly submitted will be the only project eligible for the 2019 Show.**
 - d) All other tagged entries will be disqualified, and all other forms voided.
12. **Ownership** - Once an animal project has been tagged and tattooed by an exhibitor, ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the February/March Show.
13. **Late entries-** for Goats, Lambs, Swine and Rabbits will be accepted in the Extension Office provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a) Animal is tagged in at the regularly scheduled tag-in date for the species
 - b) The completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$20.00 (plus \$10.00 for additionally tagged or family tagged project) and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$120.00 is turned in on or before 5:00 p.m. the Friday immediately following the species tag-in date.
 - c) All paper work and fees are to be turned in to the Matagorda County Extension Office.
14. **Late entries for Poultry-** will be accepted no later than November 2, 2018 due to the time needed to Order.

15. **Late entries for Steers** –will be accepted no later than November 2, 2018 Provided that the following criteria are met.
- Animal is tagged in at one of the regularly scheduled tag-in dates.
 - The completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$20.00 (plus \$10.00 for additionally tagged or family tagged project) and a late fee of \$100.00 for a total of \$120.00 is turned in on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 2nd 2018
 - All paper work and fees are to be turned in to the Matagorda County Extension Office.
16. **All exhibitors must adhere to the Substance Avoidance Program found on page 28 of your MCLFA Rulebook.**
17. **The Livestock Chairman** shall be responsible for enforcing rules requiring disqualification.
18. **Assigning space** will be done through the Main Office with the assistance of Department Chairman. No person shall take possession of a stall or coop without having been so assigned. All Lambs, Goats, Swine & Steer will be issued a stall assignment and the exhibitor must abide by the set assignment.
19. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits** - All livestock must arrive on show grounds by the scheduled time each year.
- Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
20. **Care of Animals** - It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care and tend to his/her exhibits from the time of arrival until release. MCFLA strictly prohibits any grooming or further care for show of any youth livestock project by anyone other than the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, County Agent, or Ag teacher, 4-H leader or member of the 4-H or FFA that the exhibitor is a member of.
21. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
22. **Curfew** will begin each day at 11:00 p.m. till 5:30 a.m. No one (with the exception of the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and/or official veterinarian) will be allowed in the Livestock barns during this time. Security will be provided. Lights will be out and all exhibitors and parents are to be out of the Livestock areas at this time. **Failure to comply with curfew rules will result in a \$25.00 penalty fine, deductible from the sales or premium check, or exhibitor will not be eligible to sell at auction.**
23. **Livestock Judging Contest** - The Fair Association reserves the right to use animals for the Livestock Judging Contest.
24. **Auction**
- Auction sale numbers will be set after the final tag-in for each division.
 - All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number of the auction sale list. Any exhibitor who fails to be in the auction ring at the proper time will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence. The only exception to this will be an exhibitor who has an official (written) excuse from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.
 - All market entries sold at the auction sale must be delivered to buyer as desired.
If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
25. **Auction Sale Order numbers** - Sale order cards indicating your sale order number must be worn by all exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Auction and when taking your picture by the Fair Photographer with your buyer. You should pick up your card at the Exhibitor Information Booth or designated location on Friday, March 1st.

26. **No Decorations on Auction Animals** -Animals cannot be decorated for the Auction.
27. **Animal donated back to Exhibitor** - Any animal donated back to the exhibitor will go to resale and the resale amount will be included in the exhibitor's check. Exhibitor wishing to keep their animal must notify the Auction Sales Office by 5:00 p.m., on the day of sale.
28. **Resale Animals** - All steers, swine, goats and lambs that go to "resale" may be shipped out Saturday night after 10:00 p.m.
29. **Drug Hold** - Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.
30. **Sales Charge** - A 6.5% sales charge will be discounted from each exhibit that sells through the auction ring to help compensate for sale costs.
31. **Buyers Photos** -Each exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a buyer's photograph to be delivered to their respective buyer.
- A \$10 fee will be deducted from sale proceeds to cover the cost of the photo and buyers plaque.
 - Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up their buyer's photo and check from the Fair Office located at the Fairgrounds and delivering the photo to their respective buyer.
 - Exhibitor is responsible for contacting buyer at the time of the sale of said lot for a buyer's photo.
 - If buyer is unavailable for photo after the time of sale of said lot, exhibitor must wait for buyer to take photo.
 - If buyer is not present for photo after the time of sale of said lot, exhibitor must take a photo with said lot to be delivered to buyer. No exceptions!
32. **Thank you Notes required from exhibitors who:**
- Sold their animal project in the Junior Livestock Auction or Commercial Heifer Sale
 - Had someone/business make an Add-On to their project in the sale
 - Had a Belt Buckle Sponsor
 - Received a Calf Scramble \$100 Award (Calf Scramble T-Shirt Sponsor thank you also required)
- **4-H Exhibitors and FFA Exhibitors MUST turn in their "addressed, stamped, unsealed THANK YOU letter(s)" at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28th, 2019, in order to receive their check. *****
33. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.
34. **Cleaning of Premises**
- a) All exhibitors that make the show and sell their project in Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 2, 2019 will be required to return to the fairgrounds at 7:00 a.m. on the Sunday morning following the auction for the release of their livestock project and to clean up the area that their project was housed in and the area around them. Each exhibitor will be required to sign in by 7:00 a.m. with the director in charge and must not sign out before 8:00 a.m. with the director in charge. Exhibitors that do not return to clean their project area by 7:00 a.m. will have \$200.00 deducted from their livestock check as a cleanup fine. Exhibitors that fail to sign in and sign out with a director will have \$200.00 deducted from their livestock check as a cleanup fine. Load out and removal of all livestock projects will begin at 7:00 a.m.
 - b) Excuses for the Sunday Morning Cleanup will need to be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two weeks prior to the date for approval by the Board of Directors.

STEERS

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

GENERAL

1. Only one steer may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. No nurse cows permitted.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. All steers must be in their assigned stall between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and back in their stall by 10:00 p.m.
5. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018
Unsigned or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 10 #15 regarding late entries

VALIDATION (Tag In)

A calf, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates. Steer exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals of the same species.

1. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.

The official tag-in and tattoo date and location will be:

Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds, Bay City

Saturday, September 15, 2018, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., Palacios

Steer projects must be castrated and dehorned prior to validation. NO bull calves will be validated.

2. All steers and exhibitors must be present for validation unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in, must be signed by the sponsor of the event and submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) prior to noon on the last business day before that species tag in. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the steer to be absent.
3. If the official MCFLA ear tag is removed or accidentally torn out, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the General Livestock Superintendent of the Matagorda County Fair Association. The supervisor will then retag the steer if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised.
4. Steers can be replaced within 30 days of validation date if it dies or is permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
5. All steers, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
6. A steer tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.
7. Preliminary Classification – The exhibitor must select a preliminary classification of American or All Other Breeds (AOB) division in which they will be competing prior to tag-in. This selection IS NOT binding, final classification will be made at the March Show.

Steer Showmanship Clinics- Four steer showmanship clinics have been scheduled. Each steer exhibitor is required to attend two of the four clinics with their steer. Both steer and exhibitor must be present to receive credit for this clinic. Exhibitor and steer must be present and in arena by 9:00 a.m. to participate in clinic. If a family of 2 tags in 4 total steers, each child and steers must attend 2 of the 4 steer clinics with all 4 of the tagged steers. Each child must exhibit all 4 steers twice. Failure to comply will make the exhibitor and the steer ineligible for the March Show. Exhibitor must exhibit steer to the satisfaction of the Showmanship Judge to receive credit for clinic. Exhibitor must sign the attendance sheet when leaving the clinic.

Steer Showmanship Clinics are scheduled for:

Saturday, November 10, 2018 Fairgrounds. Scales available at 8:00 a.m. Showmanship at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 1, 2018 " " " " " " "

Saturday, January 12, 2019 " " " " " " "

Saturday, February 9, 2019 " " " " " " "

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. **Steer weigh-in: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2019**
All steers must be present and in line before 5 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
3. **Steer judging:** Steer Show will begin at noon if there are 50 or less steers and 11:00 a.m. if there are 50 or more steers.
4. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the March Show weigh-in. Any steer weighing less than 1,000 pounds at the March weigh-in will be sifted and not allowed to show. There will be a weight tolerance of 10 pounds even at the official weigh-in. No Exceptions!
5. There will be two (2) divisions in the Steer Show; American and All Other Breeds (AOB) divisions will be defined as:

American - steers showing phenotypic evidence of at least 1/4 blood Brahman influence, and

AOB - purebred or crossbred steers of all other breed influences

1 - 9 steers	1 weight class
10 - 20 steers	2 weight classes
21 - 30 steers	3 weight classes
31 - 40 steers	4 weight classes
41 - 50 steers	5 weight classes
51+	6 weight classes
6. Classification will be conducted at the show by three Classifiers. The classifiers' decision is final.
7. Classes:
 - a) The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steer will be selected from the Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions of each weight class.
 - b) The Class Champion and Reserve Class Champion of each weight class will automatically be in the auction.
 - c) A percentage of each class will sell in the auction based on the total number of steers to be sold in the auction. The number of steers from each class in the auction will be awarded blue, red and white ribbons to determine their placing in the auction.
 - d) If an exhibitor with a steer tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.

8. All steers that were tagged and tattooed in September will be rechecked at County Show weigh-in.
9. Steers will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the steer. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
10. Stalls will be assigned by the Steer Superintendent prior to the Show.
11. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair, except for clipping authorized by the Steer Committee to enforce the steer short hair rule.
12. **Short Hair Rule** - All steers will be clipped to have no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the animal's body upon arrival at the show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. Any steer found in minor violation of this rule will be sent to a designated area where the exhibitor will be given a chance to comply with the 1/4" rule. A maximum of thirty minutes will be allowed to clip the areas in question. Then the steer will be rechecked, if in violation the steer will be eliminated. Clipping is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified.
14. No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that causes color to be removed from the steer will not be allowed. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
15. No blow dryers, no clippers, and no generators will be allowed. One trimming chute per 4-H club or FFA chapter will be allowed.
16. **UNRULY STEERS:**
 - a. The Livestock Committee shall interpret and enforce all rules and regulations of the Livestock Division of MCFA. The MCFA Board of Directors shall appoint Steer Marshals who shall govern the control of "Unruly Steers" shown during the MCFA steer judging. These officials have the right to "Disqualify or Remove" any animal deemed harmful, in order to prevent injury to other exhibitors. Anyone attempting to interfere with these Officials before or during the decision-making process automatically disqualifies the entry in contention. Our only purpose is to prevent injury to all competitors entered in the Livestock Show.
 - b. Once the steer is in the Holding Pen (Make Up Area), only the Exhibitor is allowed to handle the animal. Only one warning will be given in the Holding Pen (Make Up Area) or Show Ring. On the second warning, the Exhibitor will be asked to tie their animal to the fence. The animal will be placed at the bottom of that class in the order they were removed. The Exhibitor must stay with their animal until the judging is finished.
 - c. **All decisions made by the Steer Marshals will be final. There will be no Appeals.**
17. No one other than show officials and exhibitors will be allowed in ring during judging at any time.
18. **Showmanship**
 - a) Steer Showmanship: following judging.
 - b) All exhibitors will be allowed to compete in Showmanship with their project if they choose to do so, even if the exhibitor has been sifted.
 - c) Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd-5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - d) First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - e) Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
 - f) Only the animal tagged for the current year's fair can be shown in the Showmanship competition

19. **Release of Animal**

- a) **Any exhibitor** that does not make the sale must remove his/her steer following the showmanship judging the day of the show.
- b) **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 6 Number 15.
- c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association

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

LAMBS

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

GENERAL

1. Only one lamb may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Only docked lambs (females or wethers) will be eligible. Any female lamb showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018
No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.
5. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 10 #13 regarding late entries

VALIDATION

1. A lamb, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
All lambs and exhibitors must be present between **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018, Fairgrounds, Bay City** unless excused with a written notice.
 - a) Lamb exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals of the same species.
 - b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
2. All Lambs and exhibitors must be present for validation unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in, must be signed by the sponsor of the event and submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) prior to noon on the last business day before that species tag in. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the lamb to be absent”
3. Lambs can be replaced within 30 days of validation if they die or are permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
4. All male lambs must be wethers at tag-in.
5. All lambs, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
6. All lambs tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.
7. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any lamb that has been implanted will be disqualified.

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. **Lamb weigh-in 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2019**
All lambs must be present and in line before 10:00 a.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.
3. **Lamb judging: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 -Following the Goat Show**
4. All lambs must be shorn within 21 days of show.

5. **Classes** will be determined as follows:

1 - 9 lambs	1 weight class
10 - 20 lambs	2 weight classes
21 - 30 lambs	3 weight classes
31 - 40 lambs	4 weight classes
41 - 50 lambs	5 weight classes
51 - 60 lambs	6 weight classes

 - a. Class Champion and Reserve Class Champion of each weight class will be placed in sale order
 - b. If an exhibitor with a lamb tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.
 - c. Pens will be assigned by the Lamb Superintendent.
6. Lambs will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the lamb. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
7. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair.
8. **Showmanship**
 - a. **Lamb Showmanship: following judging.**
 - b. After judging of classes, the Showmanship class will be judged.
 - c. All exhibitors will be allowed to compete in Showmanship with their project if they choose to do so, even if the exhibitor has been sifted.
 - d. Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd-5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - e. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - f. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship Competition.
 - g. Only the animal tagged for the current year's fair can Show can be shown in the Showmanship Competition.
9. **Release of Animal**
 - a) **Any exhibitor** that does not make the sale must remove his/her lamb following the showmanship judging the day of the show.
 - b) **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 6 Number 15.
 - c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
10. **Drug Withdrawal Period** - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

GOATS

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

GENERAL

1. Only one goat may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Any breed or crossbreed goat (females or wethers) will be eligible. Any female goat showing signs of pregnancy will be disqualified as determined by the judge.
3. Goats must be dehorned or tipped by tag-in. If tipped they must be no smaller than the diameter of a dime. No tipping or dehorning will be allowed on the fairgrounds. If not tipped by November 10, 2018, the goat will be disqualified.
4. Goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds at the show. Goats will be allowed one weigh-in only.
5. All goats, to be eligible for show, must have the official Matagorda County Fair ear tag or state ear tag which is placed during the official tag-in as well as tattoo.
6. All goats tagged through the State Validation Program will be allowed to be shown at the Matagorda County Fair and will not need a MCFLA ear tag, but must have a MCFLA tattoo.
7. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
8. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018.
No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.
9. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 10 #13 regarding late entries

VALIDATION

1. A goat, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
2. All goats and exhibitors must be present between **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018, Fairgrounds, Bay City**, unless excused with a written notice.
 - a) Goat exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals of the same species.
 - b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
3. All Goats and exhibitors must be present for validation unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in, must be signed by the sponsor of the event and submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) prior to noon on the last business day before that species tag in. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the goat to be absent”
4. Goats can be replaced within 30 days of validation if they die or are permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).
5. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any goat that has been implanted will be disqualified.
6. All male goats must be wethers at tag-in.

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. **Goat weigh-in 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2019**
All Goats must be present and in line before 10:00 a.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a) Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b) All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed.

3. **Goat judging: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 1p.m**
4. **There will be a weight Tolerance of 2 pounds at the official weigh- in.**
5. All goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up with the exception of the tail switch.
6. No artificial paints, powders, or coloring may be used on the goat.
7. Goats will be shown with a collar, show chain or halter. The use of any chain that has "spikes" or any chain that has been altered to have points of any type will not be allowed.
8. Exhibitors will be allowed to brace their goat during judging.
9. **Classes** will be determined as follows:

1 - 9 goats	1 weight class
10 - 20 goats	2 weight classes
21 - 30 goats	3 weight classes
31 - 40 goats	4 weight classes
41 - 50 goats	5 weight classes
51+	6 weight classes
- a) If an exhibitor with a goat tagged for the major shows wishes not to sell in the Matagorda County Fair auction, they must notify the Division Superintendent prior to leaving the show ring so that another exhibitor may be moved up.
- b) The goat must be shown by the exhibitor who owns the goat. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
- c) **Pens will be assigned by the Goat Superintendent.**
10. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair.
11. **Showmanship**
 - a) **Goat Showmanship: following judging.**
 - b) After judging of classes, the Showmanship class will be judged.
 - c) All exhibitors will be allowed to compete in Showmanship with their project if they choose to do so, even if the exhibitor has been sifted.
 - d) Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd -5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - e) First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - f) Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
 - g) Only the animal tagged for the currents year's fair can be shown in the Showmanship competition.
12. **Release of Animal**
 - a). **Any exhibitor** that does not make the sale must remove his/her goat following the showmanship judging the day of the show.
 - b). **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 6 Number 15.
 - c). **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
13. **Drug Withdrawal Period** - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

SWINE

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

GENERAL

1. Only one barrow or open gilt may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Each exhibitor limited to one barrow or open gilt.
3. The entry must weigh not less than 225 pounds or more than 280 pounds at show weigh-in.
4. **There will be a weight Tolerance of 2 pounds at the official weigh- in.**
5. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 26, 2018.**
No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 10 #13 regarding late entries

VALIDATION

1. Market swine, to be eligible, have gone on feed by the prescribed validation dates.
2. All exhibitors and swine must be present **between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018, Fairgrounds, Bay City**, unless excused with a written notice. Swine must arrive between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Only the swine tagged at this time can be shown at the County Fair.
 - a) Swine exhibitors may validate two (2) animals in one division. Exhibitors may only present one animal at weigh in for exhibition in the fair. Families with multiple exhibitors in the immediate family household are allowed to exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals of the same species.
 - b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged
3. All Swine and exhibitors must be present for validation unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in, must be signed by the sponsor of the event and submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds)) prior to noon on the last business day before that species tag in. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the swine to be absent”
4. Swine can be replaced within 30 days of validation if it dies or is permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. **Swine weigh-in: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday February 27, 2019**
All swine must be present and in line before 8:00 p.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a) Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b) All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed
3. Swine judging: **Thursday, Feb 28, 2019, 7:30 a.m.**
4. **There will be a weight Tolerance of 2 pounds at the official weigh- in.**

5. **Classes:**
- a. There will be five classes of swine determined by weight. These classes will be given a class name and class number.
 - b. Swine can be fitted only with water. Swine will be sifted if the Judge determines other substances have been used in the fitting for show.
6. Exhibitors are allowed to use wood shavings only in their swine bedding. Exhibitor must furnish their own shavings and all shavings must be removed by the exhibitor or they will be charged a \$100.00 clean up fee.
7. **Clipping/Shearing/Blow Drying** - NO clipping, shearing or blow drying will be allowed on any animal during the Matagorda County Fair.
8. Swine will be shown and handled by the exhibitor who owns the swine. Written notice of sickness and/or activities of the exhibitor can be excused only by the Fair Board or Livestock Committee. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
9. When the Judge enters the main show ring, the class will be closed and no other swine will be allowed in the ring.
10. **Showmanship**
- a. **Swine Showmanship: following judging.**
 - b. All exhibitors will be allowed to compete in Showmanship with their project if they choose to do so, even if the exhibitor has been sifted.
 - c. Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd -5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - a. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
 - f. Only the animal tagged for current's year's fair can be shown in the Showmanship competition.
11. **Release of Animal**
- a) **Any exhibitor** that does not make the sale will remove their Swine following showmanship judging the day of the show.
 - b) **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 6 Number 15.
 - c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.
12. **Drug Withdrawal Period** - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter. Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

POULTRY

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GENERAL

1. Poultry exhibits will be limited to one pen of three broilers by a 4-H or FFA member.

- a. The pen must consist of three broilers of one recognized meat breed, to be selected only from the exhibitor's individual wing band numbers.
- b. There will be one class in the Poultry Show: Cockerel and Pullets will show together.
- c. The exhibitor must care for the broilers prior to the show.
- d. Chicks must be picked up the day of delivery from hatchery. Ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the Show.
- e. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018. *No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.*
- f. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS: Pg. 10 #14** regarding late entries

2. Chicks Orders/Delivery

- a. All broilers must be ordered at the Extension Office by **Friday, October 26, 2018.**
- b. Late entries for poultry will be accepted no later than November 2, 2018 due to the time needed to order.
- c. Tentative Date for broiler pickup is **Friday, January 18, 2019.**
- d. All Poultry exhibitors must be present for pick up unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in, must be signed by the sponsor of the event and submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) prior to noon on the last business day before Pick-up
- e. All broilers are ordered and distributed from same hatchery.
- f. Poultry orders will be 50 broilers per exhibitor.
- g. An exhibitor must own his entry on date order is received.
- h. Upon delivery, each exhibitor is responsible for verifying the wing band numbers and that chicks are properly banded. Each exhibitor will be allowed to replace a maximum of five birds at the time of pick up.

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. Poultry Sift: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

All poultry must be present and in line by 7:30 a.m. Judging will follow.

2. Arrival of Animal Exhibits:

- a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for checking his/her wing band numbers from the day they are picked up until the day of the show. Make sure the chicks you pick up are numbers you can use at the show.
 4. If for whatever reason during the raising of your broilers a wing band is lost from a broiler, at that time the broiler becomes ineligible for the show.

5. All poultry boxes brought to the show must contain name and address of exhibitor and wing band numbers. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged if box and/or alternate is left.
6. An exhibitor may bring one, and only one, extra broiler in case one of the first three broilers examined by the sifter does not meet the necessary qualifications.
7. All poultry must be in place by designated judging time.
8. All poultry exhibits will be placed from last to first.
9. The pens making the sale will be classified into blue, red and white classifications and such ribbons will be awarded when justified.
10. **Showmanship**
 - a. **Poultry Showmanship: following judging.**
 - b. Open to all exhibitors who have poultry entered in this division.
 - c. Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd -5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - e. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the Showmanship competition.
 - f. Only the animal tagged for the current year's fair can be shown in the Showmanship competition.
11. All broilers will be taken home after judging by the exhibitor with the exception of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, which will be put on display.
 - a) Poultry buyers are purchasing three live birds. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ask his/her buyer what they would like to do with their purchase, i.e. donate back to exhibitor, receive three frozen broilers, or a \$25.00 gift card to HEB for purchase of poultry. Exhibitors are encouraged to reserve three birds to provide his /her buyer if this is the buyers wish or exhibitor can give his/her buyer actual show poultry.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor to care for the exhibit until it is released on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors must be present at 7:00 a.m. Sunday to take exhibit home.**
 - a) **All Poultry Exhibitors -will be required to be present for the Sunday cleanup.** See page 6 number 15.

MEAT PEN RABBIT

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

GENERAL

1. Rabbit judges do not have to be American Rabbit Breeders Association judges.
2. All stock must be the **bonafide** property of the exhibitor and must be permanently, clearly tattooed in rabbit's right ear.
3. An exhibitor can kindle their own bunnies or buy four-week-old bunnies, but if you buy you must own forty-two days prior to show date.
4. Ownership cannot be transferred to another exhibitor as an entry for the March Show.
5. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018.
No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS: Pg. 10 #13** regarding late entries

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

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

VALIDATION (Tag-in)

1. Meat Pen Rabbits, to be eligible, must have gone on feed by prescribed validation dates.
2. All rabbits to be entered in the County Show must be validated on Monday, **January 16, 2019, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds, Bay City.**
3. All Meat Pen Rabbits and exhibitors must be present for validation unless excused with a written notice. The written notice of sickness and/or UIL, 4-H or FFA event, must be signed by the sponsor of the event. This Notice must be submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) prior to noon on the last business day before that species tag in. In the event the exhibitor is excused, the animal must be tagged and tattooed. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the Meat Pen Rabbits to be absent.
4. Limited to ten bunnies for tag-in per exhibitor.
5. Age limit not over seventy-five days at Show. Weight limit: each rabbit may not weigh over five pounds, nor can they weigh less than three pounds at the February Show.
6. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits, and one alternate rabbit, all the same breed and variety.
7. New Zealand and Californian breeds only. New Zealand rabbits must be "white". Mixed breed rabbits cannot be entered into this show.
8. Each meat pen rabbit will be tattooed with the MCFLA tattoo (flying M) and a validation number.

FEBRUARY / MARCH SHOW

1. **Meat Pen Rabbits Check-in: 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Judging will follow.**
All Meat Pen Rabbits must be present and in line, inside the arena by 7:30 a.m.
Gates will be locked at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits:**
 - a. Exhibitors and animals must be in the line at the designated location at the scheduled time to be eligible to check in and exhibit the animal.

- b. All animal entries will be free of adhering dirt at the time of weigh in. It will be at the discretion of the chairman or superintendent to send the animal to the wash rack before being weighed
- 3. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed in the judging area.
- 4. Only rabbit exhibitors and their rabbits will be allowed in the judging arena during the rabbit show.
- 5. A pre-sift will occur during weigh in during the rabbit show. This pre-sift will be conducted by a qualified individual such as an agriculture science teacher or committee person. The pre-sift will be to check for disqualifications as stated in the rules. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the show area and will not be accepted for judging.
- 6. No carriers will be allowed under judging tables at any time.
- 7. The rabbits presented to the committee to be weighed will be the exhibitors "Official Entry". One alternate will be allowed, if not used will be removed. There will be no changes after judging begins.
- 8. Judging will begin with Meat Pens and followed by showmanship classes.
- 9. **Showmanship**
 - a. **Rabbit Showmanship: following judging.**
 - b. Open to all exhibitors who have an animal entered in this division.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken down in three divisions - Junior 3rd -5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade, and Senior 9th-12th grade.
 - d. First and second place winners will receive belt buckles.
 - e. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal to be eligible in the showmanship competition.
 - b. The exhibitor must select one of the three rabbits exhibited in the current year's fair Meat Pen division to show in the Showmanship competition.
- 10. **Release of Animal**
 - a) **Any exhibitor** that does not make the sale will remove their rabbits following showmanship judging the day of the show.
 - b) **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 6 Number 15.
- 11. **Drug Withdrawal Period** - Each exhibitor is responsible for notifying the Livestock Committee if their animal has received any drugs that have withdrawal periods and are responsible for keeping the animal until safe for slaughter.

SUBSTANCE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

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

BUCKET CALF SHOW

Rules & Information

- 1) Entries close Friday, January 25, 2019.
- 2) Entry Form will not be accepted without Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Release and Indemnity Agreement and the \$20.00 Entry Fee.
- 3) Open to youth-Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, must be enrolled in a Matagorda County 4-H Clover Kids Group.
- 4) Recommended Age of Bucket Calves: Born between October 14, 2018 and December 14, 2018
- 5) Exhibitor will be allowed to show only one calf.
- 6) All calves must be on the bucket or bottle at fair time (**no nurse cows!**)
- 7) All calves must be halter broke.
- 8) Calves may be of any breed or sex.
- 9) All calves will be released immediately following the event.
- 10) Fair rules and regulations on stall, care of livestock, and health are to be adhered to.
- 11) Entries are not eligible for the Auction Sale.
- 12) Bucket calf show will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 time at 2:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- 13) No use of Hot Shots or Prods will be allowed
- 14) In case of the death of a bucket calf, exhibitor is encouraged to attend and participate in the Bucket Calf Show. They may borrow a current exhibitor's bucket calf if they have permission from that exhibitor. This will be between exhibitors and not the Fair Association.

**2019 ENTRY FORM
BUCKET CALF SHOW
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Date Paid _____

CK/MO/Voucher #: _____

Receipt#: _____

Late Entry Yes / No

Please Print:

NAME OF MINOR CONTESTANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Name of Parents/Legal Guardian: _____

PHONE/Home: _____

Work: Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of 4-H Clover Kids Group: _____

Name of School Attending: _____

Grade: _____

Exhibitors Date of Birth _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

Youth Size:

Small

Medium

Large

ENTRY FEE:

\$20.00 (NO CASH)

Entries Due:

Friday, January 25, 2019

Make checks payable to:

MCFLA - Attach entry fee to entry form.

Entries due at:

Matagorda County Extension Office
2200 7th Street, 3rd Floor
Bay City, TX 77414

****Must Have Signed Release's attached Below****

Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association

I have received and read the Bucket Calf Contest Rules & Information Sheet. I have also read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies, and the Substance Avoidance Program and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules.

Parent's Signature

Date Signed

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION Release and Indemnity Agreement

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

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

****Your Signature acknowledges the above two Paragraphs***

Participant's/Contestant's Signature

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

Witness' Signature
(Club Manager or Extension Office)
(required prior to submitting entry)

Exhibitor Phone No.

Date

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**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW
2019 ENTRY FORM**

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

Date Paid: _____
CK/MO/Voucher

Receipt # _____
Late Entry Yes / No

****All Entry Forms & Release Forms are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018***

- EXHIBITOR NAME: _____ EXHIBITOR SS # _____
- PARENTS NAME: _____ PARENT EMAIL: _____
- PARENTS CELL #: _____ WORK # _____
- MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP: _____
- BIRTHDATE(MM/DD/YY) _____ GRADE (3-12) _____
- CLUB OR CHAPTER: _____ *SCHOOL: _____
(1 CLUB ONLY)

Entry Fee: **\$20.00**

STEER ☐ AB ☐ AOB (**Check One**) ☐ SWINE ☐ POULTRY
(Additional **\$110.00** Required for Poultry Order)

Name of Steer Breeder & County:

☐ LAMB

☐ RABBIT

Physical Address/ Location of Project:

☐ GOAT

FAMILY TAG:

\$ _____ \$10.00 each additional animal or family tagged animal
(*please see rules on Pg.10*) (*please see rules*)

Please list immediate family member(s) that are eligible to show a family tagged project that are associated with the Exhibitor at the top of this form.

TOTAL VALIDATION FEE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MCFLA.

Attach entry fee to entry form.

NO CASH

Must Have Signed Release's attached Below*

Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association

I, _____, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies (pg. 8.), the Substance Avoidance Program (pg. 28), the Animal Residency Requirement (pg. 10) and Clean up requirement (pg. 13). I understand that the Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules and regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show.

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION Release and Indemnity Agreement

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

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

****Your Signature acknowledges the above two Paragraphs.***

Participant's/Contestant's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date Signed

Witness' Signature

Witness' Print Name

Date Signed

****Witness must be 4-H Club Manager, Ag-Science Instructor Signature or Extension Staff Member.***
(Required prior to submitting entry)

4-H Club Manager or Ag-Science Instructor Signature

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Calf Scramble Rules and Information

2019 Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show

- 1) To participate in the beef calf scramble of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show during the rodeo performance, a participant must be in grades 3-11 and an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club or Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter.
- 2) To be eligible, the participant must comply with all the other rules and regulations, both general and livestock department. In addition, if the participant wins in the scramble he or she must feed and show a project at the next Matagorda County Fair as a 4-H member or FFA member.
- 3) A check for \$100.00 will be awarded to each participant who catches a calf to be used on the purchase price of a project to be shown at the next Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show.
 - Each participant who catches a calf or is awarded a hard luck calf award must turn in their "stamped Thank You letter" addressed to their calf scramble donor(s) and T-shirt sponsor by 5:00 p.m. March 28, 2019
 - **4-H exhibitors** and **FFA exhibitors** must turn in their stamped, addressed, unsealed Thank You letter(s) at the **Extension Office**.
 - Your scramble check will be processed **after** the 2020 Livestock Show in March. To be eligible for your scramble check you must have brought and checked in your livestock project at the 2019 MCFLA Livestock Show.
- 4) The animal purchased must be chosen with the assistance of either the County Extension Agents or the Agricultural Science Teachers.
- 5) Each participant will be required to have his/her parent and a witness sign the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Release and Indemnity agreement allowing him/her to participate in the Calf Scramble.
- 6) Calf Scramble names drawn will be posted at www.matagordacountyfair.com

Entry Deadline

4-H Calf Scramble entries are to be turned in to the **Extension Office** by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

FFA Calf Scramble entries are to be turned in to the **Ag Science Teacher** by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Additional Entry Forms available at www.matagordacountyfair.com

Must Have Signed Release's attached Below*

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
Calf Scramble Entry Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

Name of Parents/Legal Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____ Grade: _____

4-H Club / FFA Chapter: _____ Exhibitors Date of Birth _____

4-H Club Manager / Ag Instructor signature

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
Release and Indemnity Agreement**

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

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Date Signed

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