

# 2020

# Matagorda County Fair



## 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](http://www.matagordacountyfair.com)

# **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 EXPOSITION  
ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS.**



*Dear Livestock Exhibitor and Parents,*

*Attached is the 2020 MCFLA Livestock Rule Book. Due to the importance of these rules, we 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.*

*The Livestock Committee and Matagorda County Fair Board of Directors has made several changes to the rules, reimplements the Two-Hour Clean-up Rule, and implemented an “Ethics Policy” for all exhibitors to abide by.*

*Each exhibitor will be required to complete and pass the Quality Counts Curriculum found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/quality-counts> and adhere to it for their age group prior to January 1, 2020. **When registering – Enter Matagorda County and your Matagorda County 4-H Club or your Matagorda County FFA Chapter. If you have already completed this course than you are exempt until you change age group.***

*We ask that you take the time to carefully read over all the rule changes and read over the rules, guidelines, and important dates that directly relate to your species. Please don't hesitate to ask your 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher or any Matagorda County Fair Board of Director, Livestock Committee Member or the Fair Office any question that you may have. This will avoid any confusion or misunderstandings throughout the upcoming 2020 Fair year.*

*If you have any questions about the rule book, please feel free to email The Fair Office and Board @ [mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com](mailto:mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com). We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.*

*We wish you the best of luck in your project.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dustin O'Connell – Livestock Chairman  
MCFLA – Livestock Committee and Board of Directors*



Dear Exhibitor,

We are implementing a two-hour cleanup requirement for all Junior Livestock Exhibitors that make the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitors will be required to be present and complete in the mandatory Sunday cleanup following the Junior Livestock Auction.

Sunday cleanup is mandatory from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each exhibitor that makes the Junior Livestock auction must report to the Fair Grounds at 7:00 a.m. to remove their project and clean up their area. Afterwards, each exhibitor must report to the arena and sign in for the two hour clean up. Upon completion, exhibitor must sign out to be credited their two hours.

We will be offering pre-Sunday cleanup options for those who wish to complete their two hours prior to the Sunday following the Junior Livestock Auction. From now to the show, you have the option of donating two hours to the Fair prior to the mandatory Sunday clean up.

You will still have to show up at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday to remove your project and clean your area, upon completion you would be free to go. You will not be required to stay for the mandatory cleanup from 8:00AM-10:00AM.

Pre-cleanup may include setting up livestock pens and preparing building for fair events. There are several things you must know if you are going to take advantage of the early cleanup option. First, you will be donating two hours prior to the Fair. This does not mean that you will make the sale. You are taking a chance of donating the hours and being sifted by the judge. The early cleanup hours can be used towards community service hours in which some clubs require you to have.

Certain rules apply:

You must get approval from the Fair Manager to eligible for the two hours. Fair Manager will assign you a time and date for your early cleanup option. You will have to sign in and out with whom you are assigned. Failure to sign in and out will result in no credit hours. Failure to show will result in a no show and you may not be given the option of rescheduling.

Areas in which you may be assigned are the office, store room, cleaning up an area, helping set up the Home Economics area, helping set up or tear down for Academic Rodeo, setting up livestock pens or tearing down livestock pens, arena signs and banners, or you may be assigned to help with various MCFLA projects or events. You may also be assigned a job during the Fair.

If you are in the seventh grade or younger, your parent may have to join you to help in some of the pre cleanup options. This option is limited to a certain amount of jobs. If the assignments are filled, then you would not have the advance cleanup option. You may call the Fair Manager and discuss the options. Again, this is optional.

The mandatory Sunday morning clean up from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. will still be in effect for those who make the sale and cannot take part in this option. Parents: please note, some jobs are not safe for the younger exhibitors, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> and may not be an option unless accompanied by you or a responsible adult.

Sincerely,

*Dustin O'Connell – Livestock Chairman*

*MCFLA – Livestock Committee and Board of Directors*

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## SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES

*Please read the Livestock Rule Book for all rules and regulations pertaining to the 2020 Show. Some dates, rule changes, etc. are:*

1. **The 2020 Matagorda County Fair-** Livestock Show and Rodeo dates are Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - Sunday, March 8, 2020.
2. **Mandatory Sunday Cleanup** - Sunday March 8, 2020 - Cleanup is mandatory from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each exhibitor that makes the Junior Livestock auction must report to the Fair Grounds at 7:00 a.m. to remove their project and clean up their area. Afterwards each exhibitor must report to the arena and sign in for the two hour clean up, upon completion exhibitor must sign out to be credited their two hours. See letter found on page 4.
3. **Auction** – All species that are awarded a ribbon in the show **MUST** sale in the Matagorda County Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020.
4. **All 4-H Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All 4-H Junior entrants (exhibitor) must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of three club meetings prior to the Fair 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.
5. **All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter junior entrants (exhibitor) must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of the clubs meetings prior to the Fair 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.
6. **Quality Counts Curriculum Training** – All exhibitors will be required to complete and pass the Quality Counts Curriculum (<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/quality-counts>) for their age group prior to January 1, 2020. When registering – Enter Matagorda County and your Matagorda County 4-H Club or your Matagorda County FFA Chapter. If you have already completed this course than you are exempt until you change age group.
7. **Steer Tag In-** The official tag-in and tattoo date will be Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:00-11:00 a.m.at the Fairgrounds in Bay City.
8. **Steer** - Steer classification will be at the March weigh-in and will be at the discretion of the Steer Classifiers.
9. **Steers** – No pumping of steers will be allowed.
10. **Entry Form Deadlines-All Livestock entry forms are due at the Extension Office on Thursday, October 24, 2019 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.

11. **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 paperwork and fees are to be turned in to the Matagorda County Extension Office.
  
12. **Late entries for poultry-** will be accepted no later than November 1, 2019 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.
  
13. **Late entries for Steers** –will be accepted no later than November 1, 2019 Provided that the following criteria are met.
  - a) 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 1, 2019.
  - b) All paperwork and fees are to be turned in to the Matagorda County Extension Office.
  
14. **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 family tagged animals providing that each exhibitor has turned in a completed entry form and tagged one of the same species in their name.
  
15. **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 and 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.
  - b) The last project tagged-in, with the entry forms and fees properly submitted will be the only project eligible for the 2020 Show.
  - c) All other tagged entries will be disqualified, and all other forms voided.
  
16. **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. Failure to comply will make the exhibitor ineligible for the Show.**
  
17. **Auction Sale Numbers** - All species will sell at 60% up to 60 lots per species except for steers. Steers will sell at 90%. The auction sale numbers will be determined after the final weigh-in at the March Show.
  
18. **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 March Show.**

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

Saturday, November 9, 2019	Fairgrounds.	Scales available at 8:00 a.m.	Showmanship at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 7, 2019	"	"	"
Saturday, January 11, 2020	"	"	"
Saturday, February 8, 2020	"	"	"

20. **Bucket Calves-** The entry deadline for Bucket Calves will be Thursday, January 30, 2020. No exceptions!

21. **Thank You Cards** – All 4-H and FFA exhibitors that make the show and sale in the auction are required to write Thank You cards. Thank You cards are to be turned in to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**. Thank you, notes/letters, must be addressed, stamped, and unsealed. Exhibitors that fail to turn in their Thank You cards by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** will have \$50.00 deducted from their livestock check as a compliance fine.

22. **Mandatory Sunday Cleaning / Cleaning of the Grounds-** All exhibitors that make the show and sale their project in Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020 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 for the Mandatory Sunday Cleaning. Each exhibitor will be required to sign in by 7:00 a.m. with the director in charge and after cleaning your area you must sign out with the director in charge. Afterwards, each exhibitor must report to the arena and sign in for the two hour clean up. Upon completion, exhibitor must sign out to be credited their two hours. Sunday cleanup is mandatory from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please refer to page 4.

23. 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.

24. **Auction** - Exhibitors are not allowed to solicit buyers in any way the day of the auction other than having your picture taken with your buyer. If you have a question, wait until the auction is over to not disturb the buyer as they are buying other projects. Any exhibitor found in violation of this new rule will have \$200.00 deducted from their check and/or be removed from the auction sales order.

25. **Auction-**Exhibitors that sale their projects in the Junior Livestock Auction are **NOT** to ask their buyer for their project back. Once your project has been sold it is the property of the buyer. The new buyer will choose what to do with their purchase. Any exhibitor that approaches their buyer to ask for their project back will forfeit their auction check. No exceptions!



## Important Dates

*(Dates are Subject to Change)*

Species	Entry Form Due	Time Due By	Excused Absences for Tag In Due	Time Due & Location	Tag-in/Validation	Tag-in/Validation Time	Clinic	Clinic Time	Weigh-in For Show	Weigh-in Time	Date of Show	Show Time
STEER	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Thursday, August 29, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, September 7, 2019 (Fairgrounds)	9:00am-11:00am	Nov. 9 2019 Dec. 7 2019 Jan. 11 2020 Feb. 8 2020	9:00am Indoor Arena (Fairgrounds)	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	3:00pm-5:00pm	Thursday March 5, 2020	Noon
SWINE	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Friday, November 29, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, December 7, 2019 (Fairgrounds)	6:30am-9:00am	None	None	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	6:00pm-8:00pm	Thursday March 5, 2020	8:00am
LAMB	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Friday, November 1, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, November 9, 2019 (Fairgrounds)	8:00am-9:30am	None	None	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	8:00am-10:00am	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	1:00pm
GOAT	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Friday, November 1, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Saturday, November 9, 2019 (Fairgrounds)	8:00am-9:30am	None	None	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	8:00am-10:00am	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	1:00pm/ Following the Lamb Show
RABBIT	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Wednesday January 15, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Wednesday, January 22, 2020 (Holding Pen/Fairgrounds)	4:00pm-6:00pm	TBA	TBA	None	None	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	7:00am
POULTRY	Thursday, October 24, 2019	5:00pm	Thursday, January 10, 2019	NOON (Fair Office)	Pick Up-Tentative Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 (Holding Pen/Fairgrounds)	TBA	TBA	TBA	None	None	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	7:30am
BUCKET CALF	Thursday, January 30 2020	5:00pm	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Friday, March 6, 2020	2:00pm

**\*Jr. Livestock Auction: Saturday March 7, 2020**

\*Sunday Mandatory Clean-Up: All exhibitors that make the show and sell their project in the Home Economics Food Auction on Saturday, February 29, 2020 or in the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020 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. Mandatory Clean Up Letter found on page 4.

Thank you Notes: Stamped, Addressed, Unsealed THANK YOU letters must be turned in at the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in order to receive your check.

# MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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 Exposition 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 Exposition 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 Exposition 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 #9 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 Exposition 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:** If needed, exhibitors must use one of the following official veterinaries for their project. Ralph Cole, Andrea Muegge, Tess Crider, Josh Shields, Randy Volkmer, Lafy Saha, Jana Zapalac, Audrey Jacoby and Bryan Sherman, Doug Marquardt.
2. **All judges** Agents, Teachers, and the Livestock Committee will select judges as soon as possible after April 1. Judges will be approved by the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association.
3. **Ruminant meat and bone meal** - The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. **Competition** - Only Junior entrants will be allowed to exhibit market stock and participate in the auction
5. **All 4-H Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All 4-H Junior entrants must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of three club meetings prior to the Fair 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.
6. **All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter junior entrants must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of the clubs meetings prior to the Fair 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.
7. **The 24-Hour Rule applies to All 4-H Junior Entrants, All FFA Chapter Entrants, and All Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Junior Entrants.**
  - 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 needs 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.
8. **Auction** – All species that are awarded a ribbon in the show **MUST** sale in the Matagorda County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

9. **Application for Entry/Entry Fee/Release and Indemnity Agreement** - There is a non-refundable \$20.00 entry fee for each exhibitor.
10. **Entry Form Deadlines- All Livestock entry forms are due at the Extension Office on Thursday, October 24, 2019 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 Fair Board approval. A new completed entry form will need to be turned in to the extension office to be eligible to show.
11. **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.
12. **Minimum Entries-** Any livestock division that has ten or less entries may be eliminated from the next year's show.
13. **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 can exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals providing they have tagged one of the same species under their name. ALL FAMILY TAGGED PROJECTS MUST BE OF THE SAME SPECIES.
- Example #1 – A family of three. All three family members tag six of the same species. Any of the three exhibitors in this family may exhibit one of the six species providing that all three exhibitors have entered one entry and one additionally tagged entry per that species per exhibitor and all three names are listed on the entry form to exhibit one of the six tagged species.
- Example #2 - A family of three. Child one and two tag-in four (4) goats, child three tags in two (2) lambs. Child one and two may not show any of the lambs and child three may not show any of the goats. YOU MUST SHOW THE SPECIES THAT YOU ENTERED ON YOUR ENTRY FORM.
- b) A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged.
14. **Family Tagged Animal** –The parameters of a “Family Tagged” animal are siblings, stepsiblings, 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. All family tagged projects must be the same species.
15. **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 2020 Show.**
- d) All other tagged entries will be disqualified, and all other forms voided.
16. **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.

17. **All exhibitors must adhere to the Substance Avoidance Program found on page 30 of your MCLFA Rulebook.**
18. **The Livestock Chairman** shall be responsible for enforcing rules requiring disqualification.
19. **Assigning space / stalls** 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. **Changing of spaces/stalls/coops is strictly prohibited.**
20. **Arrival of Animal Exhibits** - All livestock must arrive on show grounds by the scheduled time each year
  - 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.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **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.**
24. **Livestock Judging Contest** - The MCFLA reserves the right to use animals for the Livestock Judging Contest.
25. **Auction**
  - a) Auction sale numbers will be set after the final weigh-in for each division.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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.*
26. **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 6, 2020 by 7:00p.m.
27. **No Decorations on Auction Animals** -Animals cannot be decorated for the Auction.

28. **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.**
29. **Resale Animals** - All steers, swine, goats and lambs that go to "resale" may be shipped out Saturday night.
30. **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.
31. **Sales Charge** - A 6.5% sales charge will be deducted from each exhibit that sells through the auction ring to help compensate for judges' expense, show cost, and sale costs.
32. **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 buyer's 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 at 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!**
33. **Thank you Notes required from exhibitors who:**
- Sold their animal project in the Junior Livestock Auction or had an Add-On to their project in the sale
  - Received a Belt Buckle
  - Received a Calf Scramble \$100 Award (Calf Scramble T-Shirt Sponsor thank you also required)
26. ***\*\*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. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, in order to receive their check. Exhibitors that fail to turn in their Thank You cards by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 will have \$50.00 deducted from their livestock check as a compliance fine\*\****
34. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.
35. **Cleaning of Livestock Premises & Removal of Livestock Project**
- a) All exhibitors that make the show and sell their project in Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020 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 sign out with the director in charge. Exhibitors must then report to the arena to sign in for the Mandatory Sunday Cleanup and receive instructions from the Director in Charge, once assignment is complete, exhibitor must sign out. 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 Mandatory Cleanup will need to be submitted at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two weeks prior to the date for approval by the Board of Directors.**
  - c) **Mandatory Sunday Cleanup** - Sunday Cleanup is mandatory. Each exhibitor that makes the Junior Livestock auction must report to the Fair Grounds at 7:00 a.m. to remove their project and clean up their area. Afterwards each exhibitor must report to the arena and sign in for the two hour clean up, upon completion exhibitor must sign out to be credited their two hours. – See letter found on page 4.

# 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. In addition to the following, please read all GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
2. Only one steer may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
3. No nurse cows permitted.
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 Thursday, October 24, 2019. **Unsigned or incomplete forms will not be accepted.**
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 7 #13 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 can exhibit any one of the multiple tagged animals of the same species if each exhibitor has validated a steer in their name.

1. A \$10.00 validation fee will be charged for each additional animal tagged. **The official tag-in and tattoo date will be: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Fairgrounds, Bay City**

**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 or a MCFLA tattoo. But **MUST** attend tag-in/validation.
7. Preliminary Classification – (For buckle ordering only) 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 9, 2019	Fairgrounds.	Scales available at 8:00 a.m.	Showmanship at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 7, 2019	"	"	"
Saturday, January 11, 2020	"	"	"
Saturday, February 8, 2020	"	"	"

**MARCH SHOW**

1. **Steer weigh-in: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020**  
**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 on Thursday, March 5, 2020
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! **A “Quality Sift” will be enforced.**
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
  - 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. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steer will be selected from the Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions of each weight class.
8. *All ribbon recipients MUST sale in the MCFLA Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020.*
9. All steers that were tagged in September for the March show 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. Changing of assigned stalls is prohibited.
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. **Steers** – No pumping of steers will be allowed. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
17. **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.**
18. No one other than show officials and exhibitors will be allowed in ring during judging at any time.

19. **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 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

20. **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 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.
- c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association

21. **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 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.
4. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019. *No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.*
5. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 7 # 11 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 9, 2019, Fairgrounds, Bay City** unless excused with a written notice.
  - a) Each lamb exhibitor may validate two (2) lambs. Exhibitor may only present one lamb 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 as long as each exhibitor has tagged in one lamb in their name.
  - 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 or a MCFLA tattoo. But **MUST** attend tag-in/validation.
7. No implants of any kind will be allowed. Any lamb that has been implanted will be disqualified.

## MARCH SHOW

1. **Lamb weigh-in 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., March 4, 2020**  
**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, March 4, 2020 at 1:00p.m.**
4. All lambs must be shorn within 21 days of show.

5. **Classes** will be determined as follows:
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|---------------|------------------|
| 1 - 9 lambs   | 1 weight class   |
| 10 - 19 lambs | 2 weight classes |
| 20 - 30 lambs | 3 weight classes |
| 31 - 40 lambs | 4 weight classes |
| 41 - 50 lambs | 5 weight classes |
| 51 - 60 lambs | 6 weight classes |
- a) The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion lamb will be selected from the Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions of each weight class.
- b) **All ribbon recipients MUST sale in the MCFLA Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020.**
- c. Pens will be assigned by the Lamb Superintendent. Changing of pens is prohibited.
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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.
- c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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

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## GENERAL

1. All Entry Forms and Release Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019. *No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted* Only one goat may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 7 # 11 regarding late entries
3. 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.
4. 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 9, 2019, the goat will be disqualified.
5. Goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds at the show. Goats will be allowed one weigh-in only.
6. 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.
7. 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 or a MCFLA tattoo. But **MUST** attend tag-in/validation.

## 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 9, 2019, 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 as long as each exhibitor has tagged a goat in their name.
  - 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.

## MARCH SHOW

1. **Goat weigh-in 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020**  
**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.
  - c) Pens will be assigned by the Goat Superintendent. Changing of pens is prohibited.
3. **Goat judging: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 1:00p.m. following the Lamb Show.**

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 - 19 goats	2 weight classes
20 - 30 goats	3 weight classes
31 - 40 goats	4 weight classes
41 - 50 goats	5 weight classes
51+	6 weight classes

  - a) The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goat will be selected from the Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions of each weight class.
  - b) *All ribbon recipients MUST sale in the MCFLA Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020.*
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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.
  - c). **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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 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 Thursday, October 24, 2019.  
*No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.*
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 7 # 11 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 7, 2019, 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 if each exhibitor has tagged a swine in their name.
  - 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. A veterinarian must issue a written excuse for the swine to be absent?"
4. All swine 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 or a MCFLA tattoo. But MUST attend tag-in/validation.
5. Swine can be replaced within 30 days of validation if it dies or is permanently disabled (veterinarian certificate required for disability or death).

## MARCH SHOW

1. **Swine weigh-in: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday March 4, 2020**  
**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, March 5, 2020, 8:00 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.
  - c. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goat will be selected from the Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions of each weight class.
  - d. **All ribbon recipients MUST sale in the MCFLA Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 7, 2020.**
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 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 must remove their Swine following showmanship judging.
  - b) **Cleaning of the Grounds** - See page 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.
  - c) **Animals left unattended** after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020 will be loaded on resale truck and all proceeds will go to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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

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. 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 Thursday, October 24, 2019. *No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.*
- f. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS: Pg. 7 #12** regarding late entries

### 2. Chicks Orders/Delivery

- a. All broilers must be ordered at the Extension Office by Thursday, October 24, 2019.
- b. Late entries for poultry will be accepted no later than November 1, 2019 due to the time needed to order.
- c. Tentative Date for broiler pickup is **Friday, January 17, 2020.**
- 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.

## MARCH SHOW

### 1. **Poultry Sift: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.

# MEAT PEN RABBIT

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. Rabbit judges do not have to be American Rabbit Breeders Association judges.
2. All stock must be the **bonafede** 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 Thursday, October 24, 2019. *No unsigned or incomplete forms will be accepted.*
6. Late entries - See **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Pg. 7 # 11 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 **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 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.

## MARCH SHOW

1. **Meat Pen Rabbits Check-in:** 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Senior 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 8 -Number 20 and Letter found on page 4.
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 Thursday, January 30, 2020.
- 2) Entry Form will not be accepted without Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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, 2019 and December 14, 2019
- 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) All exhibitors will receive a trophy. **NO PREMIUMS!**
- 12) Entries are not eligible for the Auction Sale.
- 13) Bucket calf show will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 time at 2:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- 14) No use of Hot Shots or Prods will be allowed
- 15) 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 exhibitors bucket calf if they have permission from that exhibitor. This will be between exhibitors and not the Fair Association.

**2020 ENTRY FORM  
 BUCKET CALF SHOW  
 MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

CK/MO/Voucher #: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print:**

**NAME OF MINOR CONTESTANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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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:** Thursday, January 30, 2020  
**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 Exposition 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 Exposition 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 EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION**

**Release and Indemnity Agreement**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CK/MO/Voucher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late Entry Yes / No

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the Bucket Calf Show (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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.

***Both exhibitor and exhibitors' parent(s) or guardian(s) have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of the 2020 Livestock Rule Book.***

***Parent's and Participant's signatures below acknowledge reading and fully understanding the rulebook and the above three 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

**THE ABOVE DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION EVENT.**

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION  
2020 ENTRY FORM**

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

**All Entry Forms & Release Forms are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2019**

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 per exhibitor - Additional tagged or family tagged fee: \$10.00 per exhibit**

**FAMILY TAG:** # \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 each additional animal or family tagged animal *please see rules*)

Please list all 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to complete the Quality Counts Curriculum online by January 1, 2020.

I agree to comply with the Quality Counts Guidelines throughout the year.

I have read and fully understand the 2020 Livestock Rulebook and the rules pertaining to my project.

Please list the physical address / location that your project(s) will be housed (*please see rules on Pg.12*)

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box

SWINE    LAMB    GOAT    MEAT PEN RABBIT    POULTRY  
Additional \$110.00 Required for Poultry Order)

STEER - **Check One – For awards purposes only**    AB    AOB

Name of Steer Breeder \_\_\_\_\_ County bred in \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL VALIDATION FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NO CASH! Please make checks payable to: MCFLA and attach entry fee to entry form.**

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

# Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association

I, \_\_\_\_\_, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies (pg. 10), the Substance Avoidance Program (pg. 30), the Animal Residency Requirement (pg. 12) and Clean up requirement (pg. 8 number 20 and letter found on page 4). 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 Exposition Association Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the **Junior Livestock Show Event** of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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.

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.

**Both exhibitor and exhibitors' parent(s) or guardian(s) have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of the 2020 Livestock Rule Book.**

*Your Signature acknowledges the above three Paragraphs.*

Participant's/Contestant's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date Signed
Witness' Signature	Witness' Print Name	Date Signed

**Witness can be a 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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MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION EVENT.

**Calf Scramble Rules and Information**  
**2020 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, unsealed, Thank You letter" addressed to their calf scramble donor(s) and T-shirt sponsor by 5:00 p.m. *Tuesday, March 31, 2020* at the **Extension Office**.
  - Your scramble check will be processed **after** the 2021 Livestock Show in March. To be eligible for your scramble check you must have brought and checked in your livestock project at the 2020 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 Exposition 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](http://www.matagordacountyfair.com)

**Entry Deadline**

**4-H** Calf Scramble entries are to be turned in to the **Extension Office** by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2020.

**FFA** Calf Scramble entries are to be turned in to the **Ag Science Teacher** by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Additional Entry Forms available at [www.matagordacountyfair.com](http://www.matagordacountyfair.com)

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

# ***Calf Scramble Entry Form - Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association***

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

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