

2021

Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Exposition Association
Market Show Schedule & Show and Auction Guidelines

Please read this entire document.

We will be following the Texas Governors guidelines for mask, social distancing, and quarantining for the upcoming Matagorda County Fair – Junior Livestock Show, Home Economic Food Show, Agriculture Mechanics Show, and Buck Calf Show!

The Meat Pen Rabbit Show, the Lamb Show, Goat Show, Poultry Show, Steer Show, Swine Show, Agriculture Mechanics Show, Commercial Heifer Show, Bucket Calf Show, and the Home Economics Food Show, will go on - social distancing guidelines must be followed.

- For shows within the indoor arena and the SEF, only certain sections and rows will be open and available for seating on a first come first serve basis.
- Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing while on the grounds.
- We ask that you sit with your family members only and leave empty seats between families.
- Exhibitors will not be required to wear mask while showing or selling their project.
- All Lambs, Goats, Steers, and Swine that make the show will be housed on the grounds.
- All Meat Pen Rabbits will need to be taken home immediately following the show. After the Junior Livestock Auction, you will be required to deliver your project to your buyer as requested by buyer.
- All Poultry will need to be taken home immediately following the show. After the Junior Livestock Auction, you will be required to deliver your project to your buyer as requested by buyer.
- Goats and Lambs that make the sale will be housed in the species-specific areas. All others must be removed from the grounds after Showmanship.
- Swine and Steers will be housed in the species-specific areas until the show.
- Swine and Steers that make the sale will be housed in the species-specific areas. All others must be removed from the grounds after Showmanship.
- No animals will be housed in Champions Row.
- Show Day – Exhibitors can stay on the grounds from 6:00AM to 9:00PM the day you are showing.
- Goat, Lamb, Swine and Steer exhibitors that make the sale: The grounds will be open for feeding your projects from 6:00AM to 9:00AM and 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Please enter Gate 7.
- Goat, Lamb, Swine and Steer exhibitors may have two (2) helpers at their pen the day of show.
- We will have a food truck on the grounds during the Livestock Shows and Junior Livestock Auction.

The following date and time changes have been implemented:

Buyers Photos:

All Shows - There will be no photos with your buyer(s) at the auction for 2021.

At the time of the show - Once you have received your ribbon, go to photo backdrop with or without your project to have your photo taken.

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Home Economics Food Show:

Check in of all Food entries (Sections 1-6) will be Saturday, February 27, 7:00AM to 9:00AM in the Home Economics Building (also known as the Multi-Purpose Building) at the Fairgrounds,

- 1) Exhibitors will enter Gate 2 and Exit Gate 9
Exhibitors are to drive up to the drop off point at the Home Economics Building (in front of the Multi-Purpose Building) and unload their food items onto one of the tables designated by the committee. Once unloaded please exit the grounds.
Food items will not be returned to the exhibitors.
- 2) All doors will be locked at 9:00AM and no entries will be accepted after that time.
- 3) Exhibitors need to be available by phone to receive a text message from 11:30AM-12:30PM.
All Grand and Reserve Winners that are eligible to sell in the Home Economics Food Auction will receive a text message letting them know they need to return to the grounds for the Food Auction.
- 4) Exhibitors that receive a text message will need to respond to the message acknowledging sell.
If an exhibitor fails to respond to a message and/or fails to return to the grounds for the Food Auction their food item will sell, and exhibitor will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale.
- 5) All food items that sell in the auction will be given to the buyer.
Parents may accompany the exhibitor to the auction.
- 6) Home Economics Food Auction Saturday, February 27, 2021-2:00PM following Commercial Heifer Auction

Commercial Heifer Show:

- 1) Record Books are due on Friday, February 19, 2021 by 4:30PM at the Extension Office
- 2) Heifer Check in will be on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 2:00PM to 4:30PM.
Only exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in. Once the exhibitor has their project housed and cared for, they will be expected to leave the grounds immediately.
- 3) Private Interviews: Friday, February 26, 2021 from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Location to be Announced
- 4) Private Judging Friday, February 26, 2021, 5:00PM -Exhibitor & family not present. Once judging is Complete, you may return to the grounds to tend your project. Grounds will be closed at 11:00PM with no reentry.
- 5) Saturday, February 27, 2021, Exhibitor may enter the grounds at 6:00AM.
- 6) Local Judging Saturday, February 27, 2021, 8:00AM Exhibitor must be present.
- 7) Commercial Heifer Auction Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 1:00PM
- 8) For 2021 only! No photos will be taken with buyer(s) the day of the auction.
- 9) After your heifers have sold, please go to the photo back drop with your ribbon for your photo.
- 8) Heifer Checkout and stall clean-up Saturday, February 27, 2021 by 4:00PM

Agriculture Mechanics Show –

Enter at Gate 7

Check-in Sunday, February 28, 2021 from 3:00PM-6:00PM Only the exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in on Sunday Afternoon.

Show will begin at 8:00AM on Monday March 1, 2021 in the Steer Barn and SEF

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Meat Pen Rabbit Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 8, take a left when you enter the barn and follow hallway around to end of the Northeast corner. Go into the Contestant Dressing Area and enter the arena thru the EMS Gate by Bucking Chutes.

The gates will open at 6:00AM for you to enter. You must be in the gate and in line by 7:30AM.

7:00AM – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – Indoor Arena

Only the exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in.

Poultry Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 8, take a left when you enter the barn and follow hallway around to the Center Corridor across from the Fair Office and enter the arena.

The gates will open at 6:00AM for you to enter.

7:30AM - Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – Indoor Arena

Only the exhibitor, a parent and handlers will be allowed at check in. Handlers will be approved by the Poultry Chairman and his committee.

Goat and Lamb Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 7.

The gates will open at 8:00AM for you to enter. You must be in line by 10:00AM.

Check in from 8:00AM-10:00AM on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – SEF

Only the exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in.

Goat Show begins at 1:00PM on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in the SEF - Lamb Show to follow.

Swine Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 6.

The gates will open at 6:00PM for you to enter. You must be in line by 8:00AM.

Check in from 6:00PM-8:00PM on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – SEF

Only the exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in.

Once the exhibitor has their project housed and cared for, they will be expected to leave the grounds immediately following the posting of weight breaks.

Swine Show begins at 8:00AM on Thursday, March 4, 2021 in the SEF

Steer Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 5.

The gates will open at 3:00PM for you to enter. You must be in line by 5:00PM.

Check-in on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 3:00PM-5:00PM.

Only the exhibitor and one helper/parent will be allowed at check in.

Once the exhibitor has their project housed and cared for, they will be expected to leave the grounds at 9:00PM or when weight breaks are posted.

Steer show begins at Noon on Thursday, March 4, 2021 in the Indoor Arena

Bucket Calf Show –

Exhibitors enter Gate 7.

Only one helper/parent will be allowed to accompany exhibitor during check in and while in the arena.

The Bucket Calf Show will begin at 2:00PM on Friday, March 5, 2021 in the Indoor Arena

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Junior Livestock Auction –

Noon – Saturday, March 6, 2021 – Indoor Arena
Social Distancing and mask required.

- Exhibitors will need to pick up their sale numbers as they enter the arena the day of the Junior Livestock Auction
 - Poultry and Meat Pen Rabbit Exhibitors - your sale number/order will be posted on the Matagorda County Fair's website home page on Friday morning.
 - Goat, Lamb, and Swine Exhibitors – your sale number/order will be posted in the SEF and on the Matagorda County Fair's website home page on Friday morning.
 - Steer Exhibitors – your sale numbers will be posted in the Steer Barn and on the Matagorda County Fair's website home page on Friday morning.When you enter the arena for the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 6 prior to getting in line, please pick up your sale number from committee member.
- Once your project has sold, please return your project to its pen.
- For 2021 only! Due to social distancing, exhibitors will not be able to enter the stands and thank their respected buyer after their project has sold. We will let the buyers know this.
- For 2021 only! No photos will be taken with buyer(s) the day of the auction.
- Buyers Baskets.
 - Buyers baskets will not be allowed at the 2021 Junior Livestock Auction.
 - If you plan to give your buyer a thank you gift, we are asking that you deliver it directly to your buyer the week after the auction or when you deliver your buyers plaque.

After the Junior Livestock Auction is complete -

- At the conclusion of the auction - Livestock projects that are destined for the **resale truck or processing plants** may be loaded onto the trucks and removed from the grounds Saturday evening.

Sunday Morning following the Junior Livestock Auction –

- Livestock projects that have been **donated to the exhibitor** or **take home by** will be scheduled to exit the grounds on Sunday morning at 7:00AM.
- All Goat, Lamb, Swine, and Steer exhibitors will need to return to the grounds at 7:00AM on Sunday, March 7, 2021 to clean their project area and remove show boxes.
- Home Economic Food Show Winners, Meat Pen Rabbit Exhibitors, and Poultry Exhibitors that make the Auction DO NOT have to return to the grounds on the Sunday following the Junior Livestock Auction for removal of project and cleaning of their project area.
- All Auction Exhibitors – for 2021 only – there will not be a two-hour mandatory clean up this year. The two hour clean up rule is different from the removal of project and project area clean up rule.

Thank You Notes –

Due on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 –
All thank you notes are due in the Extension Office by 5:00PM

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