

ROCKDALE FAIR
October 20, 21 & 22, 2011
General Livestock Rules

- A. Health rules subject to change yearly. Contact your C.E.A. or Ag. Science Teacher before the show for specific requirements regarding health rules. Any unhealthy or sick animals will be subject to disqualification and removal from the grounds.
- B. Each individual will be allowed to exhibit three (3) animals per market division.
- C. Eligibility:
 - 1. Junior Market and Commercial Heifer Shows
 - A. Exhibitor must be a Milam County resident attending public or private school or a non-resident attending a Milam County public, private or home school.
 - B. Exhibitor must be an active member of a Milam County F.F.A. Chapter or 4-H Club.
 - C. Exhibitor must be a minimum of 5 years old and in Kindergarten as of September 1 of the current year.
 - D. Exhibitor must not participate in any other out of county "county-level" market show during the current school year.
- D. Entry Fees and Stall Reservations:
 - 1. Entries for the Market Show will be due at each individual tag-in or pick-up. \$15.00 fee per entry.
 - 2. There will be one (1) entry blank per animal or entry.
 - 3. There will be no refund of entry fees.
 - 4. Stalls are limited, and will be assigned.
- E. Ownership cards must be presented at the scales at time of weigh-in.
- F. Unethically Fitted Livestock-The showing of unethically fitted livestock, the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body to alter the physical makeup of the animal including pumping, but is not limited to the following: Introduction of carbonated products of any kind, surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide, except the removal of warts or horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves. Any animal in question of the above will be subject to whatever tests are deemed necessary by the Rockdale Fair Association. Drenching is allowed.
- G. Protest against an award or eligibility must be in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED, to the Vice-President of Livestock within one hour following the designation of such award. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the Rockdale Fair Association. The Vice-President of Livestock will notify the exhibitor of the protest. No other type of protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.
 - 1. PROTEST COMMITTEE will consist of Division Superintendent, President, President-Elect, Past-President and Vice-President of Livestock.
 - 2. If protest is filed after Grand and Reserve Animal is selected, protest will be handled by the Sale Committee and Division Superintendent that the protest is concerning.
- H. All market goats, lambs, steers, turkeys, broilers, swine and rabbits can begin arriving at 9:00 a.m. Thursday and must be in place by 4:30 p.m.
- I. Official weigh-in will be after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. There will be NO re-weighs except for scale check.
- J. No market animals, poultry or commercial heifers will be released until 7:00 a.m. on Sunday. Animals must be picked up no later than 2:00 p.m. Sunday. All entries must be exhibited by the owner, except when a boy/girl has more than one entry in the same class or is participating in another Rockdale Fair Event. Substitutions, must be a bona fide 4-H or F.F.A. member of Milam County, by Sept. 1 and must have not completed his/her secondary education, and must meet approval of the Division Superintendent prior to judging.

- K. An exhibitor ineligible, according to his/her school administration, will not be permitted to have an entry shown at the Rockdale Fair. Students not eligible the entire length of show will not be permitted to have an entry at the Fair.
- L. Market animals exhibited at the Rockdale Fair Livestock Show must be trained, fitted, and dressed for show by the exhibitor, his/her parent or legal guardian, immediate family (Mother, Father, Sister, Brother), Milam County Extension Agents, Milam County Ag Science Teachers, or 4-H Leaders who reside in Milam County. Animals being trained, fitted, or dressed by anyone other than the above will be disqualified.
- M. There will be no bedding, (example, hay or shavings) permitted in show barn or tents.
- N. Violation of any Rockdale Fair rule or misconduct by exhibitor or parent/guardian will serve as a disqualification of exhibitor from the show for the current year and/or the following year if the Rockdale Fair Association deems it necessary.
- O. All animals will be shown at the owner's risk.
- P. If a steer, lamb, swine or goat loses an ear tag, notify Pevine Hicks at (512)760-5237 and the Division Superintendent as soon as possible in order to schedule the re-tagging. Animals must be re-tagged before arrival at the Fair.
- Q. A FAMILY is permitted to tag a maximum of 5 animals per exhibitor in each division and/or 5 pens of rabbits free of charge. A \$5.00 per head or pen tag-in fee will be charged for each additional animal.
- a. Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:
 1. **Commercial Heifers:** April 6, 2011, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tag-in at Arledge Feed Lot, Hwy. 79W.
 2. **Steers:** May 19, 2011, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tag-in at Arledge Feed Lot, Hwy 79 W.
 3. **Lambs, Swine & Goats:** July 9, 2011, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
 4. **Rabbits:** September 14, 2011, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building
 5. **Turkeys:** Order through RFA, by April 22, pick-up June 22, Home Demonstration Bldg.
 6. **Broilers:** Order through RFA, by May 27, pick-up August 31, Home Demonstration Bldg.
- R. The family order rule will apply to all divisions. Projects in these divisions may be owned and fed as a family, but must meet each division's rules during the feeding period and upon exhibition at the Rockdale Fair.
- S. Showmanship will be in market goats, lambs, steers, turkeys, broilers, swine & rabbits. Owners only will be considered for showmanship. Only animals that are eligible to show can participate in showmanship. Classes will be based on exhibitor's age at time of show.
- a. **Peewee: ages 5 to 7**
 - b. Junior: ages 8 to 11
 - c. Intermediate: ages 12 to 14
 - d. Senior: ages 15 and up
- T. There will be herdsman award in Market Steer, Swine, Lamb, Turkey, Goat, Broiler, Rabbit and Commercial Heifer Divisions. Exhibitor must keep a clean pen, free of trash, excessive droppings, dirty food and water bowls, and keep supply area close to or above their pen neat. Exhibitor must also show evidence that they are attentive to pen area and animals.
- U. Any exhibitor, who is the proud recipient of a Belt Buckle or Herdsman Award, must send to the Sale Secretary, a stamped envelope containing a hand written thank you letter to the Sponsor **by November 7, 2011**. Also, the picture, provided by the Rockdale Fair Association, must be delivered to the Sponsor **by January 1, 2012**. If the Sponsor lives out of the County the picture may be mailed. Exhibitor must notify the sale secretary when the picture is delivered. Belt buckle winners that fail to meet these obligations in the above time frame will result in a \$25.00 charge to the exhibitor. Herdsman award winners that fail to meet these obligations will forfeit the \$25.00 Herdsman award. The Herdsman award check will be mailed to the exhibitor. Please mail to the Sale Secretary, Ms. Cindy Hughes, P. O. Box 1582, Rockdale, TX. 76567, phone: 512-898-1612

MARKET RABBITS:

Superintendent – Stanley and Monica Garrison 254-697-4392 or 254-482-0294

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per pen.

SHOW TIME – 8:00 a.m. – Friday

- A. Upon entrance to the Fair, each pen of 3 rabbits will be assigned an individual identification number per exhibitor.
- B. Entries shall consist of meat pens only. 3 (three) rabbits, either sex, must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds and not be over 5 pounds each.
- C. Pre-sift at weigh in and unhealthy or sick animals (ear canker or snuffles) will be subject to disqualification and removal from the grounds.

MARKET BROILERS:

Superintendent – Nancy Griffin-512-446-6360 & Barbara Walko-512-446-6035

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per pen.

SHOW TIME – 5:30 p.m. – Thursday

- A. Check with your Co. Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher for order date, price, and delivery date of broilers. All birds will be ordered through the Rockdale Fair Association. Checks made payable to the Rockdale Fair Association should be sent to Attention: Jennifer Stifflemire PO Box 1582, Rockdale TX 76567.
- B. Market broiler classes shall consist of pens of 3 (three) broilers.
- C. There will be no weight limits on market broilers.
- D. A minimum of 25 chicks per entry must be purchased by each exhibitor. If there is more than one exhibitor per family, exhibitor may show any of the birds purchased by that family.
- E. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to have at least one person and the exhibitor present at each of his/her pens of broilers during judging time to hold broilers for judging.
- F. Chicks will have numbered wing bands. If the wing band is lost, the bird is ineligible.
- G. Broiler pen may consist of pullets and/or cockerels.

MARKET TURKEY:

Superintendent – Cynthia Degner

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per turkey.

SHOW TIME: Thursday, following Market Broilers.

- A. The market turkey show is a hen & tom show.
- B. Check with your Co. Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher for order date, price, and delivery date of poults. All birds will be ordered through the Rockdale Fair Association. Checks made payable to the Rockdale Fair Association should be sent to Attention: Cynthia Degner PO Box 1582, Rockdale TX 76567.
- C. A minimum of 5 (five) poults per exhibitor must be ordered and in multiples of five.
- D. Exhibitor may enter only one hen or tom per five poults ordered.
- E. If there is more than one exhibitor per family, exhibitor may show any of the poults purchased by that family.
- F. No feed or water will be allowed in pen before show time. Turkeys must be fed and watered following the show and for the remainder of the Fair.
- G. Chicks will have numbered wing bands. If the wing band is lost, the bird is ineligible to show.

MARKET GOATS:

Superintendent- Pevine Hicks 512-760-5237

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per head.

SHOW TIME- Estimated start time – 12:00 p.m. Friday

- A. All market goats will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All market goats must weigh at least 50 pounds and not more than 125 pounds upon entry at the show. All goats must be weighed upon entry at the show and will be divided into four weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. All horns must be tipped blunt.
- D. All market goats must be carrying their milk teeth at time of weigh-in.
- E. Wethers and does will be shown and sold.
- F. Does may not be shown in both market and breeding classes.
- G. All market goats must be shown slick shorn from hock and knee up, excluding tail switch upon arrival Thursday at the Rockdale Fair.

MARKET HOGS:

Superintendent – Tashena Butler 512-760-6331

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per head.

SHOW TIME: 8:00 a.m., Friday

- A. All market hogs will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All market hogs entered in the show must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds, but not over 270 pounds. All hogs must be weighed upon entry to the show, and will be divided into four weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. Barrows and gilts will be permitted to show and sell in the youth auction.

MARKET LAMBS:

Superintendent – Doug Crane 512-990-0736

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per head.

SHOW TIME: Estimated start time – 7:30 p.m. Thursday
Immediately following the Turkey Show.

- A. All lambs will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All market lambs must weigh at least 90 pounds upon entry at the show. All lambs must be weighed upon entry at the show and will be divided into three weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. All market lambs must be slick shorn from hock and knee up, upon arrival Thursday at the Rockdale Fair.
- D. All market lambs must be carrying their milk teeth at time of weigh-in.
- E. Both wethers and ewes may be shown and sold.

MARKET STEERS:

Superintendent – Pevine Hicks 512-760-5237

Entry Fee - \$15.00 per head.

SHOW TIME: Estimated start time is 3:30 p.m., Friday
Immediately following judging of Market Goats.

- A. All steer calves will be ear tagged on the date of tag-in.
- B. All steers must be weighed upon entry at the show, and will be divided into three weight classes by the Division Superintendent.
- C. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at show weigh-in.
- D. All steers must be clipped to have no more than ¼” of hair on any part of the steer body upon arrival Thursday at the the Rockdale Fair. The only exception will be the tail switch.