

2025 EAST TEXAS YAMBOREE
Livestock Show Rules and Regulations
Gilmer, Texas
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Friday October 10

No Limit's Livestock Show TBD

Monday October 13

Horticulture Show Check In 10:15am

Horticulture Show/Floral Cup Orientation..... 10:45am

Horticulture Show/Floral Cup Show 11:00am

(Awards Following the Conclusion of Judging)

Tuesday, October 14

Shop Project in Place and Checked in by 5:00pm

Public Speaking Contest (Gilmer HS)..... 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 15

Broiler Sifting & Show..... 7:00 a.m.

Rabbit Check-in, Sift, and Show 10:30 a.m.

Market Swine Weigh-in..... 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 16

Swine Show..... 8:30 a.m.

Goat Weigh-in..... 12:00p. m.

Goat Show..... 1:00 p.m.

Steer Weigh-in and Dairy Heifer Udder Check..... 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17

Shop Project Show..... 8:00 a.m.

Scholarship Heifer Show 9:00 a.m.

Steer Show..... 1:30 p.m.

Commercial Dairy..... 3:00 p.m.

Open Jr. Dairy (immediately following Commercial Dairy)

Saturday, October 18

Judging Jr. Beef..... 8:00 a.m.

Pre-Sale Activities 1:45p.m.

Sale 2:00p.m.

Ag Mech Silent Auction Concludes 2:00p.m.

Monday October 20

All Shop Projects Removed from grounds..... (by) 5:00pm

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participation in the Junior Livestock Show is limited to Texas students only, who are members of a Texas 4-H club or FFA chapter within the state and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under direct supervision of a County Extension Agent (CEA) or an Agricultural Science Teacher (AST). To be eligible, exhibitors must be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas. They must be in the third grade or 8 years old, but not more than 19 years old, as of December 31 of the current school year. 4H members must be no more than 18 years old as of August 31st. All exhibitors must be a bona fide resident of the State of Texas. Academic ineligibility is not acceptable. **NO PASS/NO PLAY** will be enforced.
2. Eligibility and membership must be certified by the County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher at the time the entry fee is paid. All entries from each chapter or club must be signed and sent in at one time by the CEA or AST. Payment for all entries must be included in one check. Separate entries sent in individually by a club or chapter member will not be accepted and will be returned. **ONLY CURRENT YEAR ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE DEADLINE for all Upshur County entries is OCTOBER 1ST. THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED for Market and Commercial animals. Out of county entries for Jr. Beef and Jr. Dairy will be accepted the day of show.**
3. To be eligible for competition, whether single or in groups, the animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned by the exhibitor not less than 30 days prior to the opening of the show. Animals must be entered for competition in breeding classes, except as otherwise specified, and entered in the name of the owner. Registry certificates of ownership or bills of sale must be produced, if required, showing the exhibitor to be the owner.
4. All entries must be shown by the exhibitor in whose name the project is entered, except for double entries in the same class. If an approved event which conflicts with the show arises, the exhibitor and teacher/agent must submit a written request for a substitution in writing to the Livestock Board no later than 24 hours before the event. Substitute exhibitors shall not compete in showmanship classes.
5. Exhibitors may show as many breeding animals as desired.
6. At the time of arrival, registration papers (where applicable) must be presented upon request to the appropriate division chairman.
7. The show pavilion will have no commercial advertising without prior committee approval.

8. Stall space will be provided with 48 inches of tie space, if available, allowed per entry. Wood shavings will be used. No hay or straw bedding is allowed. Trimming chutes and grooming racks can be set up only in designated areas. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of all awards.

9. All bovine left overnight must have a necktie and halter.

10. All goats must be stalled in the North Barn. No exceptions.

11. Once present on the Yamboree grounds, any unmanageable animals may be dismissed at the discretion of the Yamboree Livestock Chairman.

12. Any person using or having in their possession alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or a prohibited weapon, will be removed from the premises. Any exhibitors having prohibited items in their possession will also not be eligible to show, sell or receive awards.

13. All animals must be removed from the fairgrounds by 6 p.m. on Saturday.

14. No parking within the fence of Livestock grounds.

15. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final.

16. Herdsman Awards will be given in the cattle, goat, and swine divisions for Upshur County groups.

17. Showmanship Awards will be given to the first-place showmanship exhibitors in the following divisions. Competitors in the showmanship class must exhibit their own entered and shown animal.

Jr. Beef, Goats, and Swine Showmanship division classes will be:

- Junior Showmanship: 8 thru 11 years
- Intermediate Showmanship 12 thru 14 years
- Senior Showmanship: 15 years and over

Dairy, Meat Rabbit, and Steer Showmanship division classes will be:

- Junior Showmanship: 8 thru 13 years
- Senior Showmanship: 14 years and over

Broiler Showmanship

- Grand and Reserve Champion Showman will be awarded during the show.

18. All protests must be submitted in writing with a deposit of \$100.00 in cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

19. The official Livestock Rules and Regulations may be changed only once per year at the designated rules change meeting following the previous year's show.

20. The Show Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on **ALL** matters not herein provided for, and to make adjustments to matters necessary for the well-being of the show, sponsors and exhibitors.

21. **LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS:** . Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, custody and control of his or her exhibit. The East Texas Yamboree Association, Yamboree Livestock Show, or any of its officers or directors will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or death by disease, theft, or from any other cause of any character to any property or person while same is at the Yamboree site, or any other place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds.

22. **CLAIM FOR INJURY:** No claims for injury or damage to any person or property shall ever be asserted or any suit instituted or maintained against the East Texas Yamboree, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit at the Yamboree or who occupy any exhibit space thereon.

JUNIOR BEEF SHOW

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per head

8:00 a.m. Saturday

All Entries in this division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. Junior Beef heifers must be checked in by school or 4-H groups. Check-in will be 8 - 10:00 a.m. and 4-6:00 p.m. on Friday and 5:30-6:30 a.m. on Saturday.
2. All Grand Champion beef female in each subdivision will receive belt buckles while Reserve Champion beef female exhibitors will receive other prizes. There will be no division champions selected.
3. Must have 5 entries to designate a breed. All breeds less than 5 will be placed in an AOB Class within that division. **The Junior Beef Show division committee and chairman reserve the right to classify the entries for the breeds, and such decision is final. All animals must be registered.**
4. **Upshur County cattle must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Friday.** Out-of-county entries must be checked in, entered, and in place by 6:00 a.m. Saturday. The show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday.
5. Classes will be:
 1. Spring heifer calves, born on or after April 1, 2025
 2. Junior heifer calves, born between Jan. 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025
 3. Senior heifer calves, born between Sept 1, 2024 and Dec. 31, 2024
 4. Summer yearling heifers, born between. May 1, 2024 and Aug. 31, 2024
 5. Junior yearling heifers, born between Jan. 1, 2024 and April 30, 2024
 6. Senior yearling heifers born between Sept. 1, 2023 and Dec. 31, 2023
 7. Two-year-old heifers, born between Jan. 1, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2023
(If calved, calf should be at side)
6. All Jr. Beef exhibitors will be eligible for showmanship, which will take place at the end of the beef show.
7. Heifers will be shown as Blow & Show with no adhesives.

OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head
3:00 p.m. Friday

All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. Breeds not having at least five head will be combined into an "other breeds" subdivision of classes.
2. The Division Chairman may divide entries into breed classes if there are sufficient entries to justify doing so by **October 1st**.
3. Upshur County dairy heifers must be in place by 6:00 p.m., Thursday (except when in milk). All cows in milk and all out-of-county entries must be checked in, entered, and in place by 1 p.m. Friday.
4. Classes will be broken based on the number of cattle entered. Classes will be broken by 4 month increments to accommodate cattle that are entered.

UPSHUR COUNTY MARKET AND COMMERCIAL ANIMAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Upshur County Market Steer, Market Swine, Broiler, Meat Pen Rabbits, Market Goats, Commercial Dairy, and Shop Projects shows and sales are limited to Upshur County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and also Junior FFA members in good standing who are in the 3rd through 8th grades under the supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Exhibitors must also either live in Upshur County or be enrolled in a Upshur County school. All exhibitors must be in good academic standing.

2. No market or commercial animal shall be given non-approved feed additives, medicines or drugs, and no market or commercial animal shall be given approved medications, medicines, drugs or feed additives when the prescribed withdrawal time includes the date of sale. Violations of this provision will disqualify the animal and cause forfeiture of all premiums and sale monies. Exhibitors of market swine, broilers, commercial dairy heifers, goats, rabbits, and steers shall submit a sworn statement signed by the student and parent certifying that the animal has not been given non-approved drugs, medicines, or feed additives, and that the withdrawal time for approved drugs and feed additives has been followed.

This statement will also certify that the animal has not been unduly stressed in such a way that would adversely affect the quality of the carcass. Violations of this provision or the failure of inspection and approval of the sale animal carcass shall cause the forfeiture of all premium and sale monies. The exhibitor will be liable for the forfeiture of all monies.

The giving of oral or injected diuretics or growth stimulants not approved for market animals constitutes unethical fitting. The Yamboree Livestock Committee and veterinarian reserve the right to collect urine or blood samples from any market animal for laboratory analysis. Any exhibitor having an animal which produces a sample having a quantity of diuretic or unapproved substance of any kind will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock at the East Texas Yamboree. All premiums and sale proceeds will be withheld until tests are completed. Expense of testing will be paid by the exhibitor, and failure of such testing shall cause the forfeiture of all premiums and sale monies.

The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempts to alter the natural conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by use of injections, inflation, ingested material or by severe color alteration not conducive to the continued health of market animals or the marketability of the animal's carcass. Animals, in the opinion of the judge, a veterinarian, or the Yamboree Livestock Committee, showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.

3. Exhibitors must own and possess their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period and must feed, care for, and exhibit their entered animals without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period except from the Agriculture Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, parent(s), club manager, or other junior exhibitor. Said feeding, care, and training must occur within Upshur County or within the exhibitor's school district in an adjoining county.

Feeding periods will be:

Steers	Validation date until show date
Commercial Dairy Heifers	Validation date until show date
Market Swine	June 30 th until show date
Broilers	Date of receipt until show date
Meat Goats	Validation date until show date
Rabbits	30 days until show date

4. The Yamboree Livestock Show only guarantees and is responsible for the sale of up to 15 steers, 30 swine, 25 broilers, 25 rabbits, 25 meat goats, and 10 dairy heifers. In the event that there is available sale lots the Livestock Committee has the discretion to fill all, some or none of those sale lots.

5. Agriculture Science Teachers/County Extension Agent must submit summary sheet of each species entered with entries. Entries and summary sheet are due by October 1st.
NO LATE ENTRIES.

6. All exhibitors must be present for sale picture and sale order.

7. Only one market animal will be eligible for sale per exhibitor. The Grand and Reserve Champion market and commercial animals must sell, if eligible. Only one animal may be sold per exhibitor.

8. Exhibitors must sell the first animal picked in the sale order in each species.

9. In the event an exhibitor has multiple champions, multiple qualifying sale animals, the exhibitor must submit in writing the show/sale chairman by 5:00 p.m. Friday which animal will be sold. In the event an exhibitor has multiple champions, the highest placing must sale. (Example: Grand Champion Swine and Reserve Champion Broiler, Grand Champion Swine must sale) The first alternate will move up into the sale order but will not replace a Champion or Reserve Champion Spot.

10. Alternates that make the sale will not be official until Friday evening at which time the sale chairman will call and confirm that an alternate is in the sale. Contact will be made to one of the advisors of the chapter or the county extension agent. Until that time and notification, an exhibitor is not officially in the sale. If an Ag Science Teacher or Extension Agent has an alternate exhibitor, please be available on Friday evening to receive the official notification.

11. If an approved event conflicts with a show for an exhibitor, a written request for a substitution must be submitted to the Livestock Board no later than 24 hours before the event. The request must be signed by the student and his or her Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent.

12. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to remove foreign substances from animal before the sale.

13. Animals going through the sale are not allowed to have any adornments... No hats, no glitter, no bandanas, no bows, etc.

14. The Yamboree Livestock Show is not responsible for the buy back or floor price sale of any commercial dairy heifer or other market animal, regardless of whether they make the sale. **All sale animals are terminal. When a buyer selects "Buy Back/Resale" this animal becomes the property of the floor buyer. When a buyer selects "Keep" the animal becomes property of the buyer. At no point will the exhibitor receive their animal back.**

15. All market and commercial dairy animals become the property of the buyer at the time of sale. Exhibitors are responsible for their sold animal until delivered locally at the direction of the buyer. No animal that has previously sold in a premium sale is eligible to sell in the East Texas Yamboree. Violation of this provision will result in forfeiture of all monies.

16. If any Exhibitor, or immediate family member of an exhibitor, confronts or is publicly out spoken in a negative manner towards any buyer, then the exhibitor will forfeit all sales proceeds, and the violating exhibitor or member of the aforementioned exhibitor family, as the case may be, will be banned from showing in the Yamboree Livestock Show for a period of time as may be determined by a majority vote of the livestock committee present at any subsequent regular or special meeting.

17. Thank you letters must be received by the supervisor, for the supervisor to verify to the Yamboree Association.

18. For add-ons to be recorded, collected, and paid to exhibitor by the East Texas Yamboree Association, they must be a minimum of \$25.

19. There will be a five percent commission charge on all premium sale animals and add-ons.

20. Checks will not be issued until all buyer funds are collected. Checks will be given only to County Extension Agents and Agriculture Science Teachers for distribution to exhibitors.

21. The Show Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on **ALL** matters not herein provided for, and to make adjustments to matters necessary for the well-being of the show, sponsors and exhibitors.
22. Animals must remain at the livestock grounds until 5pm of their show day. At that time they will be dismissed by the Livestock Chairman or Species Chairman. This rule excludes broilers and rabbits.
23. All sale animals must remain at the livestock grounds until dismissed by the livestock chairman or Species Chairman.
24. Hard Luck- Ag Teachers and County Agents will submit a list of livestock exhibitor that did not make sale with their project to the Livestock Chairman by 5pm the Friday of Yamboree. Add ons to the Hard Luck exhibitor are subject to the same add 5% commission that will be deducted by the Livestock Committee and deposited in the Yamboree Livestock account.
25. The last lot of the sale will be the "Byron Spencer Memorial Sale Lot". This lot is for a student or member of the East Texas Yamboree Livestock Committee directly involved in the Livestock Show (i.e. Teacher, Committee Member or their family, Retired Member, etc.). The spirit and intent of the lot is to help the selected individual with a life altering hardship or challenge. This includes but is not limited to death, catastrophic health conditions, life skills challenges, loss of home, etc. The student must have entered and shown in the Livestock Show to be eligible for that year's lot. Students who make the sale with their project are ineligible. Each school will be allowed to submit one (1) application to the committee by 8:00am, Friday of the Yamboree. The committee will select the winner by Friday afternoon. This lot is not required each year and if the committee does not have an application that meets the criteria, it can choose not to award this lot.

UPSHUR COUNTY MEAT PEN RABBIT SHOW

Entry Fee \$15. 00 per pen

11:00 a.m. Wednesday

All entries in this division will be subject to both the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. All animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to judging.
2. Pens will be checked in at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the North Barn. Sale rabbits will be sifted and tattooed in the left ear by the Yamboree Association.
3. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** At the discretion of the judge or chairman, any animal visibly sick, showing obvious defects, or not meeting weight requirements shall be removed from the grounds.
4. Meat pens shall be three fryers of either sex, 3 to 5 pounds and no more than 12 weeks old. Exhibitors must furnish approved feed and water containers, and their **own cages**.
5. Exhibitors must be present to place rabbits on table for judging. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of meat pen.
6. Non-sale Meat Pens will be released after the show.
7. Once an animal has arrived at the Yamboree livestock grounds, it must remain on the grounds until dismissed by director.
8. Exhibitor may enter 2 meat pens. **Entries and summary sheets are due by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES.**

UPSHUR COUNTY BROILER SHOW

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per pen

7:00 am. Wednesday

All entries in this division will be subject to both the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. The chickens must be owned by the exhibitor the lesser of either the feeding period or seven weeks before show date as certified by the exhibitor's County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher.

2. Feeding period for broilers.....Date of receipt until show date.

3. Sifting will begin at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, with the show immediately following.

4. Exhibitors are limited to one pen of birds in the Broiler Show. (Not more than four banded birds per pen at sifting)

5. Entries which are not worthy, or which show disease must be removed at the request of the chairman. Bring four birds to sifting at one time. At sifting, alternate birds will be removed from the fairgrounds.

6. After sifting, a pen shall consist of three banded birds.

7. No birds are to be put in pens before the sifting. All pens will be assigned and provided by the Livestock committee.

8. Each exhibitor must furnish his/her own feed. Feed and water must be placed in a metal container tied to the pen.

9. All entries will be judged by classification system (blue, red, white).

10. Only blue-ribbon pens will be considered for the sale order.

11. Broiler pens in the sale order will have their wing band numbers verified in the show arena before sale order pictures are taken. Any pens with discrepancies in numbers will forfeit their place in the sale order. Any exhibitor leaving the sale order lineup before verification will also forfeit their place in the sale order.

12. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens and emptying shavings into proper receptacles and for pen disassembly and stack-up. Birds not making sale must be removed from grounds at the end of their respective shows and discretion of the chairman.

13. All pens of chicks that are allowed in this show shall be ordered through the broiler show chairman and distributed at random from the Gladewater High School Agricultural Science Department on a specified date to the County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teachers, or their designee. A pen consists of twenty-five banded birds. Wing band numbers must be turned in to the Broiler Chairman or postmarked within seven days of delivery. Lists consisting of a combination of numbers between exhibitors will not be acceptable. Only one pen of numbers and exhibitor per wing band list.

14. Disposal or delivery to the buyer of purchased lots is seller's responsibility.

15. Entries and summary sheets are due by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES.

Upshur County Scholarship Heifer Show

Entry Fee: \$30.00

9:00am Friday

1. All General Rules and Regulations Apply.
2. You must **attend** a public, private, or homeschool program in Upshur County.
3. Entries will be due October 1st of each year. No late entries will be accepted. Heifers purchased after October 1st of the current year will be eligible the following year, age pending.
4. Cattle over 30 months old will NOT be allowed. Cattle over 24 months must have a calf at side.
5. All cattle must have an **original** registration paper and be marked according to the registration papers. No exceptions. A color copy of the registration papers must be submitted with the entry.
6. A showman is eligible to win the Yamboree Scholarship Heifer Show a **MAXIMUM of 2 times**. The showman can NOT win consecutive years.
7. The Supreme Champion Heifer is only eligible to win the scholarship **1 time**. **The heifer cannot be transferred to another showman and be eligible.**
8. The winner will be announced to the crowd at the beginning of the Sale of Champion prior to the first animal being sold.
9. Heifers do not have to be Texas heifer validated.
10. Payment will be awarded as a scholarship to any university, junior college, community college, trade school, or certification program. The recipient must plan to enroll in their school of choice immediately following high school graduation. Enrollment will be verified prior to the release of funds to any school.

Show Order: American, British, Exotic

All Breed Champions will be in the ring for the selection of the Champion Female.

A Single-Entry fee of \$30.00 enters each calf in the scholarship show and the Open Junior Beef Show. There is no limit to the number of entries.

UPSHUR COUNTY COMMERCIAL DAIRY SHOW

Entry fee: \$20.00 per head

3:00 p.m. Friday

All entries in this division will be subject to both the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. All dairy heifers must be purchased on or before the validation date, and during the year of the sale.
2. Feeding period for Commercial Dairy Heifers.....Validation date until date of show
3. **Heifers must be present at validation date with a side view picture** (black and white makes a better picture). Validation will be the first Monday in June.
4. Time and location will be announced at a later date. In order for a heifer to be sold in the dairy heifer sale, she must be bred a minimum of 60 days by validation date. Palpation of all heifers must be completed with written veterinary certification on or before the Validation date. Heifers must have certification of calf hood vaccination for Brucellosis and Black Leg (seven way). Proof of vaccination must be turned in with picture.
5. Heifers may be either grade or registered. Crossbreeds will be allowed.
6. The show committee will have a licensed veterinarian palpate the heifer to confirm the stage of pregnancy. Except as otherwise stated herein, fresh heifers will not be allowed to participate in the sale but are eligible for the dairy breed show.
7. Heifers will be checked by the Yamboree veterinarian at 5:00 p.m. Thursday in the show pavilion. Heifers confirmed to be blind in one or more quarters will not be eligible for the sale but may show.
8. Any guarantees, expressed or implied, are between buyer and seller and the Yamboree Association makes no warranty and is not liable.
9. Commercial dairy heifers calving within 72 hours of show time are eligible for show and sale. If a cow has a calf at side at the time of the sale, they will be sold as a pair.
10. Current health papers are required and must include proof of vaccinations and pregnancy. Papers should reflect state regulations.

11. Dairy heifers will be floored individually. A bid form for each heifer will be posted on the announcers stand or designated area, and the Dairy Show superintendent will pick up bid sheets Friday, 30 minutes following the completion of the Jr. Dairy Heifer show.

12. Entries and summary sheets are due by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES.

UPSHUR COUNTY MARKET SWINE SHOW

Entry fee: \$30.00 per hog

8:30 a.m. Thursday

All entries in this division will be subject to the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. No "crypt cut" hogs allowed.

2. The supervisor of the project and exhibitor must certify that the hog is owned by the exhibitor, is of good quality and is on feed by June 30th. (Can be purebred or crossbred) **Ear notches and tag numbers must be recorded and turned in to the Yamboree office by June 30th, on each swine to be shown.**

3. The weight of market swine is a minimum of 230 pounds and a maximum of 290 pounds. Swine must be in the show barn by 4:00pm Wednesday. Weigh-in will occur at 4:00pm. Once an animal has arrived and unloaded at the Yamboree livestock grounds, it must remain on the grounds until the conclusion of sale order pictures. The Chairman will dismiss all hogs not making weight at the conclusion of weigh in on Wednesday evening.

4. The market swine will be placed in sale order. All sales are final.

5. A single exhibitor can exhibit two market swine, but only can sell one.

6. Both gilts and barrows are eligible to show in the market swine classes.

7. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed, troughs, etc. Pens will be provided by the East Texas Yamboree.

8. Market swine may be split into one or more classes by weight based upon the number of entries received. The top two in each class will automatically make the sale.

9. Your pen must be cleaned daily and as needed. Your entry fee includes the final clean up. No hay, straw, sand, particle board or wafer board shall be used in the pens. Use of rubber mats is okay.

10. Only water or oil may be applied to market hogs. No other grooming materials are allowed

11. Entries and summary sheets are due by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES

UPSHUR COUNTY MARKET STEER SHOW

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per head

1:30 p.m. Friday

All entries in this division will be subject to the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where the conflict, which in case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. Showmanship will be judged during class.

2. Entries will be officially state validated, ear tagged and weighed on first Monday of June at 6:00 p.m. at Spencer Vet Services.

3. Steers shall weigh no less than 700 pounds at time of validation and a minimum of 1050 pounds at show weigh-in.

4. An award will be given for the steer having the highest average daily gain from validation date to official weigh in.

5. All steers will be weighed at the Yamboree Livestock Barn at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Once an animal has arrived at the Yamboree livestock grounds, it must remain on the grounds until dismissed by director. The show chairman will divide the steer show into classes determined by weight and number of entries.

6. Steers must be designated for sale or not for sale when removed from the judging arena at the conclusion of the judging.

7. All steers entered must be either polled or dehorned.

8. A \$500.00 bonus award is provided by LEGACY AG CREDIT for the highest placing steer in the sale order that was conceived, born, and raised in Upshur County. The exhibitor must have written verification of this information in the form of an affidavit as of the validation date.

9. At weigh-in of the show, steers will be pre-clipped no earlier than the Saturday prior to the Yamboree using a clipper blade size 84AU on any part of the body, except the tail switch and ears, which may be ratted and balled, or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of the weigh-in.

UPSHUR COUNTY MARKET GOAT SHOW

Entry Fee: \$20.00

1:00 p.m. Thursday

All entries in this division will be subject to both the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.

1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries (they can validate as many as they wish). All goats must have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor from validation date until show date. This must be certified by the County Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher on the card.
2. Goat validation will align with the Harvest Festival Goat Validation date. All goats being shown at the East Texas Yamboree must be validated at the Harvest Festival Goat Validation. Ear tag number must be submitted to the goat chairman.
3. To be eligible for show, goats must have their milk teeth in use at the time of validation.
4. Wethers and Does are eligible. No bucks.
- 5. Meat goats with horns must be tipped with ends not smaller than a dime at the time of show.**
6. Goats must be stalled in the North Barn, no exceptions.
- 7. Goats will be divided into classes by weight as determined by the chairman. Meat goats shall weigh a minimum of 60 pounds. Animal may only be weighed with show halter or show chain on.**
8. Goats must be in place by 11:00 a.m. Thursday.
9. Once an animal has arrived at the Yamboree livestock grounds, it must remain on the grounds until dismissed by director.
- 10. Entries and summary sheets are due by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES.**

UPSHUR COUNTY SHOP PROJECTS SHOW

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per project

7:45 a.m. Friday

All entries in this division will be subject to both the General and the Upshur County Market and Commercial Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show, except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail. Each entry must be completed under the supervision of a supervising leader.

1. Numbers will be assigned to all projects at the time of check in.
2. Project entries must be checked in, and in place by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th.
3. All entries must be in by October 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES
4. Projects must be built since the previous Yamboree and exhibited by an exhibitor presently active in 4-H or FFA clubs or chapters.
5. Projects will be judged on:
 - a) Workmanship.....40 points
 - b) Soundness, structure, design, and balance.....30 points
 - c) Practical utility.....10 points
 - d) Originality of design.....10 points
 - e) Interview.....10 points
6. There will be an organizational sweepstakes award given to the organization with the highest total points per organization. Points will be as follows:
 - a) Points per entry to be totaled per organization.
 - b) The organization with the highest total points scored will be awarded a plaque.
7. Classes-Placings will be awarded as follows:

1 st	6 points
2 nd	5 points
3 rd	4 points
4 th	3 points
5 th	2 points
6 th	1 point
8. Other places will be judged. Division winners will receive a plaque and compete for Overall Grand and Reserve winners in two divisions - Sale and Non-Sale. Grand will receive six points, and Reserve five points for the Sweepstakes winners.
9. Equipment or projects previously exhibited in Upshur County will not be eligible.
10. There is no limit as to the number of shop projects exhibited by individuals, classes or organizations.

11. Projects exhibited may be sold through silent auction.

12. Classes will be determined by the shop project show chairman generally as follows.

SHOP DIVISION CLASSES

A. Livestock Equipment:

Squeeze chute, feeders, mineral boxes, head gates, trim racks, etc.

C. Farm, Home and Yard Convenience:
Swings, etc.

E. Gooseneck:
Utility, Cattle

G. Woodwork Project:
Show boxes, bookcases, toolboxes, gun racks, etc

I. Wildlife Projects:
Feeders, Stands, blinds, etc.

K. Yard Tables

B. Farm Machinery:

Mowers, shredders, packers, hay moving equipment, fencing material, etc.

D. Bumper Trailers (small and large):
Utility, cattle

F. Gates:
(Metal and Wood)

H. Repaired or Rebuilt Equipment

J. Shop Equipment Class:
Tables, Vises, metal binders, etc.

L. Barbecue Pits:
trailer mounted, patio style

Yamboree Floral Cup

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per contestant

10:45 am Monday

General Rules

1. The Floral Cup is open to Upshur County FFA Chapter and 4-H Club Members.
2. Entry Deadline is October 1st. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Yamboree Association will not be responsible for loss or damage, which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in these rules.
4. The decision of the judges is final.
5. Each contestant in the competition will compete individually with no assistance of any kind from others. No talking will be allowed during the specified design times.
6. Contestants will be furnished identical bundles of materials, including fresh flowers, foliage, and supplies. Containers and floral foam needed will also be included.
7. Each contestant should bring his/her own tools: knife, scissors, wire(s), tape(s), wire cutters, etc.
8. The top 10 Floral Cup designers are responsible for the delivery of their top 10 arrangements to the location designated by the floral cup chairman. All awards will be held until proof of delivery is sent to the chairman in the form of a picture.

Procedures

- Participants must attend the Orientation at 10:45 am before the competition begins.
- The participant will have 45 minutes to design.
- No basing, wiring, taping or gluing of floral product or foam will be allowed until the time begins.
- The use of hot glue, electrical tools, or other floral machinery is NOT allowed during the competition.
- A size restriction of 30" x 30" square area, flower to flower, with height being unlimited will be strictly enforced. The participant must be able to carry the arrangement without assistance.
- The contestant may use only the materials provided.

Judging and Scoring

- Judging will be based on 10 criteria.
- A score will be given by each judge. All the scores will then be averaged to determine the placings.
- In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the design piece for the consideration in artistic execution.
- If materials are available, the top ten will advance to a championship round.

Judging Criteria

Creativity

Scale (proportional)

Unity (harmony & texture)

Balance (physical & visual)

Focal Emphasis

Line (movement & rhythm)

Depth

Color (balance, harmony, & rhythm)

Mechanics (professional application)

Use of provided materials (utilization of material costs)

Awards:

Grand and Reserve Buckles will be awarded.

Top 10 individuals will be recognized and awarded a rosette ribbon.

Top 20 individuals will be recognized and awarded a floral apron.

Yamboree Horticulture Show

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per project

10:15 am Monday

General Rules

1. The Horticulture Show is open to Upshur County FFA Chapter and 4-H Club Members.
2. The entry deadline is October 1st. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Yamboree Association will not be responsible for loss or damage, which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in these rules.
4. The decision of the judges is final.
5. Each contestant in the competition will compete individually, contestants will deliver their creation to the contest site at registration.
6. The entry will be accompanied by a detailed description of plants used (both scientific and common names) that will be displayed with the entry. Student names and school names will not be listed on these detailed descriptions.
7. The show will be divided into 3 classes: 1) Fairy Garden, 2) Repurposed Container, and 3) Potted Plants.
8. Entries must be checked in and in place by 10:30am. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00.

Procedures

- Participants must attend the Orientation at 10:45am before the competition begins.
- Planter should not exceed 50 pounds and a clear plastic liner should be used underneath to prevent leakage.
- No accessories are permitted in the potted plants.
- The participant must be able to carry the arrangement without assistance.

Judging and Scoring

- Judging will be based on 10 criteria.
- A score will be given by each judge. All of the scores will then be averaged.
- In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the design piece for the consideration in artistic execution,

Awards:

- Grand and Reserve banners will be awarded to each category.
- Grand and Reserve Buckles will be awarded for the overall winners of the Horticulture Show.

YAMBOREE PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

Entry Fee: \$15.00

1. **Entry Fee:** Entries must be made on an official Prepared Public Speaking Entry form and signed by the AST/CEA overseeing the contestant and his/her speech.
2. **Eligible Entries:** Speeches must be the work of eligible exhibitors – limited to Texas FFA and 4-H members in Upshur County. Speeches must directly relate to a current agriculture issue. Only one speech will be accepted per contestant. 9th grade competitors are eligible to compete in the senior division if they desire. Contest participants should wear FFA Official Dress or business attire.
3. **Junior Speech Rules: (Grades 3rd - 6th)**
 - a. The junior division speeches must be between 3 – 6 minutes.
 - b. The contest will be comprised of speech delivery and a 3 minute question period.
 - c. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
 - d. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic.
4. **Intermediate Speech Rules: (Grades 7th – 9th)**
 - a. The intermediate division speeches must be between 5 – 7 minutes.
 - b. The contest will be comprised of speech delivery and a 5 minute question period.
 - c. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
 - d. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic.
 - e. There will be no speech topic divisions for the senior contest
5. **Senior Speech Rules: (Grades 10th – 12th)**
 - a. The senior division speeches must be between 6 – 8 minutes.
 - b. The contest will be comprised of speech delivery and a 5-minute question period.
 - c. The written speech must reflect the original work of the contestant.
 - d. Speeches must relate to a current agriculture topic.
 - e. There will be no speech topic divisions for the senior contest.
6. **Judging:** Contestants will be judged and scored using the Prepared Public Speaking Rubric attached below. Score sheets will be given back to the contestants at the conclusion of the contest.
7. **Awards:** Contest placings will be announced at the conclusion of senior finals (if needed). The Champion and Reserve Champion of all divisions will be recognized and receive awards.
- 8.) Each contestant will need to submit a statement of originality sheet at the time of entry and provide a copy of their manuscript on the day of the contest.

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