



Lamb County Junior Livestock Show

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Mission of the Show

The mission of the Lamb County Junior Livestock Show is to encourage positive and competitive exhibition of quality livestock for active FFA and 4-H members residing in Lamb County.

About the Show

The Lamb County Junior Livestock Show is held annually for active 4-H and FFA members across Lamb County. Awards are designed for honor and recognition of excellence in feeding, fitting, and showmanship of cattle, goats, sheep, and swine. No premium auction is associated with this Show.

Governance

The Lamb County Livestock Show's rules, regulations, and operations are governed by a Board of Directors representing Amherst, Littlefield, Olton, Springlake-Earth, and Sudan. Each community listed is represented with an FFA chapter and any may be represented with 4-H clubs. In addition to the voting Board of Directors, the Ag Science Teachers (AST) and the County Extension Agent – Ag (CEA-Ag) are also voting members representing each community and the county.

Livestock Show Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Monday, December 4	5:00 p.m.	Entries due to AgriLife Extension office.
Wednesday, January 3	9:00 a.m.	Officials set up show ring and finalize entries.
Thursday, January 4	2:00 p.m.	Livestock may begin moving into barn AFTER stall and pen assignments have been posted by division superintendents.
Friday, January 5	4:30 p.m.	All animals must be in place.
	5:00 p.m.	Superintendents begin weighing steers and checking heifer papers.
	6:00 p.m.	Deadline for exhibitors to submit lamb, goat, and swine weight cards to superintendents.
Saturday, January 6	8:00 a.m.	Show begins. The order of the show is as follows: Goats > Lambs > Swine > Beef Heifers > Market Steers > Dairy Heifers

Showmanship will be judged during the show and winners will be announced at the conclusion of each division (goats, lambs, swine, heifers and steers combined, dairy heifers).

General Rules

- 1. Governance and Responsibility:** All exhibitors and their livestock are subject to the control and direction of the Show officials. The Show reserves to its Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret all Show rules and regulations and to arbitrate and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incidents to the Show and right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. Exhibitors who violate any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and will be subject to such penalties as the Executive Committee may order. All decisions of Show Officials are final. Neither the Show nor its Directors or Officials will be in any way responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.
- 2. Date of Event:** The Show will be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday on the week preceding the Littlefield Area Livestock Show. Thus, it is typically on the first or second weekend in January. All animals must be in place no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday.
- 3. Animal Ownership and Identification:** All ownership of lambs, goats, swine, steers, and heifers must be in accordance with the Lamb County and State Validation guidelines for each specie as coordinated by the AST's and the CEA-AG. Beef heifers must owned and in possession of the owner no later than November 1 with registration as appropriate. For purposes of entry cards, weight cards, and any other official documentation where livestock are identified, all documentation representing individual animals must be numbered in accordance with their Lamb County or State Validation tags.
- 4. Eligibility to Show:** All Exhibitors must be enrolled in a public or home school in Lamb County, must be active members of an FFA chapter in Amherst, Littlefield, Olton, Springlake-Earth, or Sudan or must be an active member of the Lamb County 4-H. The minimum age for Exhibitors is nine (9) years old or eight (8) years old and in the third (3rd) grade. Exhibitors must be academically eligible in accordance with their school's criteria to participate in extracurricular events to be eligible for participation in the Show. In most cases, an Exhibitor who receives a grade below 70 in any academic class is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, including the Show, for at least three weeks. The eligibility determination of the school within which the Exhibitor is enrolled will be honored by the Show.

Livestock eligibility for entry and exhibition in the Show is dependent upon Lamb County / State Validation and academic eligibility of the Exhibitor. All goats, lambs, swine, and breeding and beef cattle must be validated in Lamb County to be eligible for participation. Academic ineligibility of the Exhibitor deems the Exhibitor's livestock ineligible, with no expectation for entry fee refund. No substitute Exhibitor may be assigned to show an animal ruled ineligible to show due to its owner's academic ineligibility.

5. **Entry Fees:** Eligible livestock entries must be accompanied by fees of \$15.00 for all species no later than the first Monday in December at 5:00 p.m. in the Lamb County AgriLife Extension office. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed in cash for all entries received after January 2, or the first ensuing business day in years when January 2 is on a weekend. The fees for FFA chapters and the Lamb County 4-H are \$75.00 and \$150.00 respectively. BY ENTERING EXHIBITORS IN THE SHOW, EXHIBITORS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE VOLUNTARILY CONSENTING TO THE USE OF PHOTOS, VIDEO, AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE EXHIBITOR'S IMAGE OR LIKENESS FOR USE ON THE SHOW'S WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, NEWSLETTERS, AND PUBLICATIONS, AS WELL AS FOR SHARING WITH THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA.

6. **Stalls and Pens:** Stalls and chute space for cattle, and pens for all other species will be assigned prior to arrival of livestock based on the number of entries received; assignments will be made by the Superintendents of each division by community and not separated by 4-H and FFA association. Each Exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her animal(s) and cleanliness of his/her assigned stalls and/or pens.

7. **Exhibition of Livestock:** The judging of all species will occur on Saturday of the Show. Eligible Exhibitors are responsible for getting their livestock entries to the show ring on time and showing their own animals. Any person eligible to show may assist. No one other than the Exhibitor, Judge, and Show Officials are allowed in the show ring during judging. First place winners from each class within a breed or division will compete for breed or division champion. The 2nd place animal from the class or division within which the breed or division champion is selected will then enter the show ring to represent the class or division from which the breed champion was selected in competition for the reserve breed champion. Likewise, all breed and division champions will compete for grand champion and the reserve breed champion from the breed or division from which the grand champion was selected will enter the show ring to represent the breed or division from which the grand champion was selected in

competition for the reserve grand champion. Showmanship will be judged during the show; there will be no separate showmanship classes, nor divisions among junior and senior showmen.

8. **Prizes:** Ribbons will be awarded to Exhibitors of animals placing 1st through 5th, and participant ribbons will be awarded to Exhibitors placing below 5th. Exhibitors of breed and reserve breed champions will receive rosettes. Exhibitors of grand and reserve grand champion animals will receive belt buckles. Buckles will be awarded to showmanship winners in the goat, lamb, swine and beef cattle (steers and heifers combined) and dairy divisions.

9. **Release of Livestock:** Livestock will be released at the conclusion of their respective shows. However, disruption of the next show is not permitted, thus loading is restricted to the back (east) door of the barn for goats and lambs and the back door in the northeast corner of the barn for swine. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of awards and will jeopardize future participation in the Show.

10. **Ethical Conduct:** The Show will not tolerate unethical conduct or actions on the part of the Exhibitors or their friends, relatives, representatives, or supervisors. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. If any Exhibitor, whether in person or by representative, in any way interferes with a Show Official, shows disrespect to a Show Official, or commits an illegal or unethical act prior to, during, or after the Show, the Executive Committee and/or the Show Board may exclude the Exhibitor from further competition in the current and/or subsequent livestock shows, may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded, or may take any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee and/or the Show Board.

Market Goats



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of market goats must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to 5 entries.
2. Both does and wethers are eligible to show and will show together by assigned weight class.
3. There are no minimum or maximum weight limits.
4. There is no tooth rule.
5. Hair must be slick shorn to a length not to exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
6. Horns may be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the goat Superintendent will be required to be tipped or rounded. Failure to comply will result in isolation of the goat and ineligibility to show.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for the weighing of their own animals and weight cards are due to the goat superintendent no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
8. Goats will be assigned to classes as equally as possible by weight within divisions.
9. At the Superintendent's discretion, the top two (2) placing goats per class are subject to weigh back with a tolerance not to exceed 5 pounds of the weight claimed on the weight card.
10. The goat show will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Market Lambs



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of market lambs must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to five (5) entries.
2. Both ewes and wethers are eligible to show and will show together by assigned weight class.
3. The minimum weight limit is 60 pounds for Southdown lambs and 80 pounds for all other breeds. There is no maximum weight limit.
4. Classification will be at the Superintendent's discretion. When classification decisions are rendered, they will be pursuant to the Texas Club Lamb Association (TCLA) classifying regulations for TCLA sanctioned livestock shows. If a lamb *classes out*, it will show with the Medium wool breeds.
5. Wool must be slick shorn within two (2) weeks of the livestock show.
6. No artificial coloring is permitted.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for the weighing of their own animals and weight cards are due to the lamb Superintendent no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
8. Lambs will be assigned to classes as equally as possible by weight within breed divisions.
9. The breed divisions and show order will be Fine wool, followed by Fine wool cross, followed by Southdown, followed by Dorper, followed by Medium wool.
10. At the Superintendent's discretion, the top two (2) placing lambs per class are subject to weigh back with a tolerance not to exceed 5 pounds of the weight claimed on the weight card.
11. The lamb show will follow the goat show on Saturday morning.

Market Swine



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of market swine must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to three (3) entries.
2. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to show and will show together by assigned weight class.
3. There are no minimum or maximum weight limits.
4. Classification will be at the Superintendent's discretion. If a pig *classes out*, it will show with the Cross breed division.
5. Only water may be used for grooming for exhibition in the show.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for the weighing of their own animals and weight cards are due to the swine superintendent no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
7. Pigs will be assigned to classes as equally as possible by weight within breed divisions. Pigs will be classed into light- and heavy-weight classes. Class numbers will capped at 25 head. Middle-weight classes will be used when class sizes exceed the 25 head maximum.
8. The breed divisions and show order will be Berkshire, followed by Chester White, followed by Duroc, followed by Hampshire, followed by Poland and Spotted Poland China, followed by Yorkshire, followed by Cross-breeds. A minimum of three (3) head are required to make a breed division. When two (2) or less of a listed breed are present, they will be placed into another breed division at the discretion of the swine Superintendent.
9. At the swine Superintendent's discretion, the top two (2) placing pigs per class are subject to weigh back with a tolerance not to exceed 10 pounds of the weight claimed on the weight card.
10. The swine show will follow the lamb show on Saturday.

Breeding Beef Heifers



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of breeding beef heifers must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to five (5) entries.
2. Age eligibility will be in accordance with Houston Livestock Show rules, where the oldest eligible heifer's birth date is **9/1/21**.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting official registration papers to the beef cattle Superintendent beginning at 5:00 and no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
4. Heifers will be assigned to classes as equally as possible by age within breed divisions.
5. Breed divisions and classes will be assigned by breed and birth dates as verified on official registration papers from the respective breed associations. Crossbred and unregistered heifers will be shown in the AOB and ABC division, where classes will be formulated based on weight of the heifers. The breed divisions and show order will be by alphabetical order according to the breeds represented at the Show.
6. Heifers must be halter broke.
7. No paint may be used except on the tail and below the knee and hock.
8. The use of adhesive is prohibited.
9. The heifer show will follow the swine show on Saturday.

Market Steers



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of market steers must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to five (5) entries.
2. The minimum weight limit is 800 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for reporting to the official weigh-in with their steer entry(ies) as conducted by the cattle Superintendent beginning at 5:00 and no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
4. Steers will be assigned to classes as equally as possible by weight within breed divisions.
5. The breed divisions and show order will be as follows: American, followed by British, followed by Exotic.
6. Steers must be halter broke.
7. No paint may be used except on the tail and below the knee and hock.
8. The use of adhesive is prohibited.
9. The steer show will follow the heifer show on Saturday.

Dairy Heifers



Division Rules

In addition to the General Rules, Exhibitors of dairy heifers must also comply with the following division specific rules:

1. Exhibitors are limited to five (5) entries.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting official documentation to the dairy heifer Superintendent beginning at 5:00 and no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
3. Heifers will be assigned to classes per discretion of the superintendent.
4. Dairy heifers must be halter broke.
5. The dairy heifer show will follow the market steer show on Saturday.

Donors and Supporters

Listed in Alphabetical Order

Financial Donors

Ace Hardware	Opplinger Companies
Capital Farm Credit	Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Clift Land Brokers	Plains Cotton Growers
First Bank and Trust	Premier Chevrolet GMC of Littlefield
First Federal Bank	Prosperity Bank
First State Bank	Springlake-Earth Cotton Growers
First United Bank – Littlefield	Texas Producers Co-op
First United Bank – Sudan	United Country – M. Edwards Realty & Auction
Lance Insurance	Wellington State Bank
Muleshoe Animal Clinic	Wilbur Ellis
Muleshoe Vet Supply	

Concession Stand

Lamb County 4-H



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Show Officials

Board of Directors / Officers

Directors	Role	Community
Gary Bigham	President	Amherst
Lee Ray	Secretary/Treasurer	Sudan
Mathew Goe	Director	Springlake-Earth
Casey Hardin	Director	Amherst
Graham Henley	Director	Littlefield
Shane Henson	Director	Springlake-Earth
Dakota Lewis	Director	Springlake-Earth
Misti Tomison	Director	Olton
John Van de Pol	Director	Littlefield

Youth Advisors

Advisors	Position	Chapter / Club
Brandon Albus	County Extension Agent	Lamb County 4-H
Alan Been	Agricultural Science Teacher	Springlake-Earth FFA
Kelsi Carlson	Agricultural Science Teacher	Sudan FFA
Tyler Classen	Agricultural Science Teacher	Littlefield FFA
Nikki Smith	Agricultural Science Teacher	Olton FFA
Courtney Tanner	Agricultural Science Teacher	Amherst FFA

Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents

Superintendents	Assistant Superintendents	Species
Lee Ray	Dakota Lewis	Market Goats
Lee Ray	Dakota Lewis	Market Lambs
Graham Henley	Casey Hardin	Market Swine
Dakota Lewis	Gary Bigham	Breeding Beef Heifers
Dakota Lewis	Gary Bigham	Market Steers
John Van de Pol		Dairy Heifers

Livestock and Showmanship Judges

Judges	Species and Showmanship
Kyle Stephens	Goats, Lambs, Swine, Breeding Beef Heifers, Steers
TBD	Dairy Heifers

Show Announcers

Announcers	Species
Chadd Schroeder	Goats, Lambs, Swine, Breeding Beef Heifers, Steers
Jill Van de Pol	Dairy Heifers

Definitions

AST – Agricultural Science Teacher

CEA – County Extension Agent

Executive Committee – Two officers or one officer and two members of the Board of Directors

Exhibitor – Active FFA or 4-H member who resides in Lamb County and meets eligibility requirements to participate in the livestock show

General Rules – rules that apply to all Exhibitors and all livestock regardless of species

Lamb County Validation – Validation process required for Show eligibility of any animal not validated through the State Validation program

Show – Lamb County Junior Livestock Show

Show Official – Any individual acting in an official capacity on behalf of the Lamb County Junior Livestock Show, including members of the Board of Directors, Officers of the Board of Directors, FFA and 4-H Advisors, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents, Judges, and Announcers.

State Validation – Validation process required for eligibility of any animal exhibited by FFA and 4-H members in any major livestock show in Texas