

Greater Leander FFA

Project Show Rules

2025-2026

Show Dates and Schedule

Cattle Validation -- WCLA, TCYS or State Validation Date

Swine Validation -- WCLA, TCYS or State Validation Date

Sheep and Goat Validation -- WCLA, TCYS, or State Validation Date

Chicken Order Date -- Williamson County Order Deadline

Rabbit Validation -- December 17th @ 4:30-5:30pm

Show Set-up -- January 19th @ 9:00 AM

Prepared Public Speaking -- January 22nd @

Poultry Show Check-In -- January 22nd @ 5:00 PM

Rabbit Show Check-In -- January 22nd @ 6:00 PM

Cattle Show Begins -- January 22nd @ the conclusion of the Rabbit

Show Lamb and Goat Check-in Begins -- January 23rd @ 5:00 PM

Lamb and Goat Check-in Closes -- January 23th @ 6:00 PM

Lamb Show Begins -- January 23rd @ 6:30 PM

Goat Show Begins -- January 23rd @ the conclusion of the Lamb

Show Swine Check-in Begins -- January 24th @ 5:00 PM

Swine Check-in Closes -- January 24th @ 8:00 AM

Swine Show Begins -- January 24th @ 9:30 AM

Show Tear-Down -- January 25th @ 12:00 PM

Sale Declaration -- January 28th @ 5:00 PM

Sale -- January 30th @ 2:00 PM

GREATER LEANDER FFA PROJECT SHOW DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules, the following definitions shall apply.

1. The “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Greater Leander FFA Project Show.
2. “County Show” means any livestock show staged in the state of Texas which has a sale except: San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Houston Livestock Show, Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Heart O’ Texas Fair, San Angelo Livestock Show, El Paso Livestock Show, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, State Fair of Texas, Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, and others the Board may deem appropriate.
3. “Department” means any of the following divisions of the Livestock Show:

Livestock Divisions

Junior Cattle
Junior Market Lambs
Junior Meat Goats
Junior Swine
Junior Poultry
Junior Rabbits
Projects

4. “**Exhibitor**” shall mean an individual who meets the requirements of Rule #3 below and who enters an exhibit in the Show.
5. “**Inspection Committee**” shall mean a committee appointed by the Board President whose purpose is to inspect any exhibitors’ project at anytime during the feeding and caring period (see #9 of the Jr. Livestock Show Rules) for eligibility requirements (see rule #3 of the General Rules).
6. “**Junior Livestock Auction**” shall mean the auction sale staged as an event of the Junior Market Livestock Show for qualifying Exhibitors and their entries.
7. “**Junior Livestock Show**” & “**Project Show**” shall mean the contests in the Departments identified in these Rules open to Participants who satisfy the requirements to be an Exhibitor under these Rules.
8. “**Market Animal**” means an animal entered in a Department, the entries in which are eligible to be sold in the Junior Market Livestock Auction.
9. Breeding Animals: shall mean Beef Heifer and Breeding Rabbits as specified in the Special Rules.
10. “**Participant**” or one who “participates” shall mean an Exhibitor, a member of the Board, a Show Official, a Supervisor or any other individual who enters and or takes part in any of the events and activities of the Show.
11. “**Premium**” shall mean an award of any kind, including scholarships, cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies, and other such articles awarded to or received by Exhibitors as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.
12. “**Privilege**” shall mean the opportunity to participate in the Show and specifically includes the opportunity to exhibit, to compete for Premiums, to offer for sale any exhibit in any auction or other sale staged as part of the Show.
13. “**Protest Committee**” means a committee of Show Officials appointed by the Board to decide protests filed under these rules.
14. “**Scholarship**” means a sum to be paid by the Show’s scholarship fund for an Exhibitor’s post high school education or training. Post high school education may include the cost and expenses of attending junior or senior colleges and universities, trade and vocational schools and participating in job training programs approved by the Show.
15. The “**Show**” shall mean the events and activities of the Greater Leander FFA Project Show.
16. “**Show Grounds**” shall mean the grounds of Leander High School where the Greater Leander FFA Project Show is held annually.
17. “**Show Official**” means an adult individual who has been duly appointed by the Board to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Board Members, Committee Chairman, Sub-Committee Chairman, Judges, Classifiers, Official Veterinarian and Department Superintendents.
18. “**Supervisor**” shall mean an adult individual who is a High School Agricultural Teacher of a Leander I.S.D High School, “AST”, who is supervising members of an FFA Chapter whose members are Exhibitors in the Show.

19. **"Junior Superintendent"** shall mean a student who is a High School Agricultural Student of a Leander I.S.D High School, who will assist the show in setup, operation, and tear down.

GENERAL RULES

1. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** The officials of the Greater Leander FFA Project Show are dedicated to the promotion of high standards of competition, sportsmanship, ethics, and fair play. Each exhibitor is expected to strictly follow these rules and to conduct himself/herself in a manner that will reflect respect upon the exhibitor, his or her school, organization, and parents. Any exhibitor or member of his/her family who violates any of these rules, at to abide by the terms and provisions hereof. the discretion of the Board, may be barred from any further participation in the Show, and will be subject to such penalties as the Board shall deem appropriate. Each exhibitor and Show Official shall read these Rules and agree
2. **INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES.** No Show Official can make changes to the Rules and Regulations printed or implied by this Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Premium Book. The Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with the Show; and to amend or add to these Rules as it, in its sole judgment, may determine appropriate. Any exhibitor who violates any of these Rules and any exhibitor who aids in or participates in a violation of these Rules, will be subjected to such penalties as the Board may order including, but not limited to, the forfeiture of all privileges, awards and premium and any compensation received by the exhibitor as a result of or for the exhibit, and any charges deemed reasonable for expenses incurred by the Show resulting from such violations.
3. **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY.** Competition in the Livestock Show is open to youth who meet each of the following conditions:
 - a. He or she is at least eight years of age and at least in the 3rd grade, he or she must not be over 12th grade.
 - b. He or she must be under the supervision of a supervisor and must be enrolled and in good standing in a Leander I.S.D High School FFA Chapter however, he or she must not have been previously ruled ineligible to participate in the show by the Board of Directors. He or she must show under the Leander ISD FFA Chapter organization in which they enter unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Board of Directors.
4. **NO PASS, NO SHOW.** Junior Exhibitors and contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any event associated with the Greater Leander Project Show. Any Animal or Project Show Item owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition. **ELIGIBILITY MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SHOW STARTING WITH THE FIRST EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT CHECK -IN THROUGH THE AUCTION.**
5. **EXHIBITION PRIVILEGE.** Each exhibitor and his or her parent or guardian acknowledges (1) that participation in the Show is a privilege which the Board may revoke at any time should such exhibitor violate any of the Show rules and (2) that the Board shall have the final and absolute authority to interpret and enforce these rules and to 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 to add to these rules as the Board shall deem necessary.
6. **LIABILITY.** Each exhibitor agrees to strictly abide by the rules and all directions and instructions issued by any Show Official. In consideration of the privileges afforded to his/her child or ward by the Show, each exhibitor's parent or guardian agrees to be solely responsible for any property damage or personal injury sustained by such exhibitor or any third person on account of or in any way arising out of such exhibitor's participation in the Show. Each such parent or guardian, in allowing his or her child or ward to participate in the Show, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Show, the Board, all Show Officials, Leander I.S.D, and Ag Science Teachers against all claims, suits,

demands, damages, and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with such child's or ward's participation in the Show.

7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. Non-United States Citizens and Foreign Exchange Students are eligible to compete in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

8. TIME OF ENTRY. Applicants for the entry of exhibits in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show must be entered online with appropriate fees, by Sunday January 19th 2025. No refunds of money will be made. When entries are filled out exhibitors will supply all tag numbers/identification in the animals ears. (IE County, State, TLBA, Tattoo/Ear Notch, Scrapies, and Breeder tags)

10. DECISION OF JUDGES FINAL. Except in cases of a violation of these rules, as established by the sustaining of a protest filed and processed under Rule #12 below, the decision of the classifiers and judges as to the results of all competitive events will be final and no protest will be allowed for judges or classifier decisions.

11. INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES AND OFFICIALS. Any exhibitor or individual who either directly or indirectly, in person or through his parent or guardian, agent or servant, interferes with, coerces, or shows disrespect for (or attempts to do any such acts) shall be guilty of a violation of these rules and shall be subject to these sanctions provided in Rule #2 of the General Rules for such violation.

12. PROTESTS. Any participant who believes that any other participant has violated any rule of the Show may file a protest in writing, immediately upon the occasion for such protest with the Board President. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. The Show will not be stopped or delayed while protests are considered.

a. The protest must state all of the following:

i. The name of the person who is alleged to have violated a rule and the rule violated.

ii. The name of a person filing and putting up the protest fee.

iii. The species, tag number or lot number, and description of each exhibit involved in the alleged rule violation.

iv. A concise statement of the protest and the reasons why the participant lodging the protest believes that a rule has been violated.

v. The names of all persons having knowledge of facts bearing on the truth of the protest. A protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 (cash or money order) which will be forfeited if the protest is overruled, and returned if it is sustained. Each protest shall be determined by the Protest Committee, which shall be authorized to conduct such investigation and hear such evidence as it, in the sole discretion of its members, deems necessary.

b. Each Participant agrees to fully cooperate with the Protest Committee in its investigation and to give such information and testimony, and furnish such written documents to the Committee as shall be reasonably requested by the Committee. Any participant who refuses to cooperate with the Protest Committee in an investigation shall be automatically barred from any further participation in the Show. Additionally if brought to the attention of the Protest Committee and or to any Executive Board member that any participant or a participant's family member is harassing other participants before

and during to include after the investigation will be banned from all GLFFA activities going forward. Also, if deemed necessary the proper legal authorities will be engaged and charges will be filed.

- c. The Protest Committee shall be entitled to adopt such rules or procedure for investigating any protest as a majority of its members deem necessary under the circumstances.
- d. The protest shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee, which shall report its decision to the Board President. The Board President will report the findings of the Protest Committee to the Board of the Greater Leander Project Show. The Board shall be empowered to impose such sanctions against any participant found by them to have violated one or more rules as the Board shall deem appropriate under the circumstances and as authorized by these rules. The Board shall have full power to act and its decision will be final.

13. **PETS.** No pets are allowed on Show Grounds. Violators will be asked to leave the premises.

14. **NO DRUGS, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

15. **SPECIAL RULES.** Special rules or conditions are published for each department where necessary and if there is a conflict between the special rule of any department and the General Rules and Regulations, the special rules will govern.

16. **THANK YOU LETTER.** The supervising Agricultural Science Teacher should receive an addressed and stamped envelope with the appreciation letter for each buyer(s) no later than February 28th, 2026. Any exhibitor, who has not submitted proof of their Thank-You Letter to the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher, may forfeit his/her proceeds and the proceeds will be sent back to the buyer.

17. **AUCTIONS.** Each exhibitor is required to comply with the regulations set forth by the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Board in order to advance to the sale. No projects will be sold if not certified by the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Board. Any exhibitor found to have violated this rule will not receive proceeds from non-certified items.

18. **DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY.** Every effort will be made to pay the Auction lots as soon as possible; however, payment cannot be guaranteed until each buyer remits payment to the Livestock Show. In the event the actual buyer fails to remit payment, the exhibitor may not receive compensation.

19. **BUYER APPRECIATION GIFTS.** Buyer appreciation gifts/gift baskets are NOT Required.

20. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION.** Entries in the Junior Show (Livestock Show, Youth Fair, and Premium Auction) must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions must follow the guidelines stated below:

- a. **AN EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION FORM MUST BE REQUESTED, COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE START OF THAT SPECIES SHOW AND/OR AUCTION. THE COMPLETED SUBSTITUTION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SHOW PRESIDENT, OR DESIGNEE . LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MAY SHOW THEIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES ALONG WITH 1 SUBSTITUTE ENTRY.**

b. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions. In all cases, the Department Superintendent, Show President, or designee must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if one of the following conditions are met:

i. **UIL or Standardized Testing:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a letter signed by a School Administrator, on school letterhead stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the notarized statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective show.

ii. **Sickness:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST, parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a Physician, on his/her letterhead. The completed Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the Physician's statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

iii. **More Than One Entry In A Class or the Exhibitor Has Entries In More Than One Department Showing At The Same Time:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST, parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show or as soon as the problem arises, but in any case no later than the start of the respective Breed Class (or class if multiple animals are in a grand drive, or have been classed out). This request must be made on the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. The completed Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

iv. **Religious Observation:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST, parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a religious organization leader, on his/her letterhead. The completed Official Greater Leander FFA Project Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the Religious Leader's statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

C. In any of the four (4) situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent, Show President, or designee may use his own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. Substitute must be a UIL eligible LISD FFA member entered in the show.

iii. Any Exhibitor showing an animal other than their own, without a completed substitution form, all parties (Owner, Exhibitor, and Animal/Project) will be disqualified, and if applicable the sale spots as well of all parties involved.

d. Any Junior Exhibitor (meeting all requirements of the Greater Leander FFA Project Show exhibitor in the Department entered) meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit

the animal.

21. SALE DECLARATIONS OF MARKET ANIMALS. The Greater Leander FFA Project Show is not a terminal Show. The Auction is a Ribbon Sale. The Exhibitor retains ownership of his or her animal after the Show. Each Exhibitor whose animal is otherwise qualified is entitled to sell one (1) animal. If an exhibitor places more than one (1) project, the higher placing project will be selected for auction. If exhibitors pull themselves from the sale list, this must be declared to the Show Officials within 24 hours of the sale list being published.

If an exhibitor places with a livestock project and a Non-Livestock project from the project show both will be eligible for the sale

Cattle
Goats
Swine
Lambs
Poultry
Rabbits
Non-Livestock Projects

22. LIVESTOCK AUCTION GENERAL RULES. Livestock Auction participants must comply with the rules below:

- a. The Exhibitor Substitution rule applies to the auction. In such cases the Board President may authorize substitution by an eligible Leander ISD Exhibitor of the same school as the owner/exhibitor.
- b. Exhibitors must bring a W-9 to the auction and turn it in at check in.
- c. In the event an exhibitor pulls out of the Auction, the next highest placing animal moves into the Auction.
- d. All exhibits sold at the Auction will be sold to the highest bidder. Only projects which qualify for the sale will be sold at the Auction.
- e. A 5% commission will be assessed on all students at the sale and this fee will be deducted from the check received from the Greater Leander FFA Project Show.
- f. 75 lots or 35% of each species, whichever is greater, will be selected for livestock auction. The livestock auction lots will be distributed evenly across all species/breeds as a percentage of the number of projects that arrived and qualified for competition. The top 35% of projects at the project show will be added to the livestock lots. The auction placing depth will be set by species/breed not by individual class. A random draw may be used to select a limited number of auction lots from equally placing projects as required to achieve the target number/percent of auction lots for the species/breed.
- g. Each exhibitor who is offered the privilege of selling in the Auction represents that he or she has complied with all of the rules of the Show concerning all exhibits that he or she has entered in the Show, and that he or she has not knowingly aided or assisted any other exhibitor in feeding, fitting, or exhibiting any exhibit in violation of these rules.
- g. In the event that any exhibitor is found to have violated any of these rules, as a result of a protest being upheld by the Protest Committee after such exhibitor has sold one or more exhibits in the Show Auction, then such exhibitor agrees that he or she shall forfeit all proceeds from the sale of his/her projects. This rule shall apply to all exhibits sold by such exhibitor(s) in the Auction and is not limited solely to the exhibit directly involved in the rule violation. The price bid for any such exhibitor's animals or any other project

shall be refunded to the bidder.

23. **LIVESTOCK SALE ORDER.** Animals qualifying for sale in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Auction will be sold by species in the following rotation (which changes each year, the last species sold the preceding year will be moved to first the following year.) Livestock sale order information:

a. All animals from each species qualifying for the sale will be sold starting with the Grand Champion and moving through lower placing animals.

b. The sale order will not be modified/changed for individual exhibitor schedule conflicts.

24. **EXCESSIVE COACHING.** A parent, teacher, fitter, and/or spectators may be ejected from show grounds at the President or Vice President discretion for receiving excessive and/or disruptive verbal coaching, hand gestures, whistles, and/or instructions from outside of the judging area. One verbal warning will be issued to the coach by the President or Vice President. On the second offense the coach will be dismissed from the show grounds for the day by the Greater Leander FFA Project Show President or Vice President.

25. **Jr. Superintendent.** The Greater Leander FFA Project Show will select up to 12 Agricultural Science students, enrolled in Leander I.S.D. Agriculture programs, to help with the needs of the committees. These students will be selected based on an application and interview.

Greater Leander FFA

Project Show Rules

Junior Livestock Rules

2025-2026

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

1. **ENTRY.** Greater Leander FFA Project Show makes available to ASTs in charge of FFA programs the opportunity to enter members in their programs in the Junior Livestock Show, subject to these Special Rules.
 - a. These rules are only minimum requirements for participation in the Show and are not intended to limit the right of any AST, or the Texas Education Agency, to impose additional requirements as they deem necessary. The opportunity to enter FFA members' projects in the Junior Livestock Show is made available only to AST's supervising livestock projects. In no event are these rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any FFA member.
 - b. Processing and or deposit of funds does not constitute acceptance of entries from an individual and or club or chapter. Eligibility of individual members of a club or chapter are subject to verification and approval.
 - c. If entries are not correctly submitted they will be returned. The Board reserves the right to reject any application, which is not submitted in accordance with these rules and the instructions contained on the application.
 - d. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 entries per section, with a total of 6 entries total per exhibitor.
2. **ENTRY FEES.** The following fees will be charged for all entries and will be payable to the Show for each entry at time of entry Deadline. No refunds of money will be made.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

Cattle \$25.00/Head

Lambs \$25.00/Head

Swine \$25.00/Head

Goats \$25.00/Head

Poultry \$25.00/Pen

Meat Rabbits \$25.00/Pen

Breeding Rabbits \$25.00/Head

3. **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS.** Each animal entered in the Show must satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. Except as provided in Rule #3B below, each animal must be owned solely by the exhibitor whose name it is entered before and at all times from the date of the applicable feeding period listed in the rules. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership as of the beginning of the feeding period, which shall include a bill of sale, registration certificate, or other comparable title document. Each animal must be marked by tattoo, ear tag, ear notch, or as otherwise required in the instructions concerning entry of exhibits which accompany application forms approved by the Board and the State

FFA organizations.

- b. Subject to the validation requirements of Rule #11 below, an animal may be jointly owned and fitted by exhibitors who are immediate family members.
- c. At any time during the feeding period, each exhibitor agrees to provide for the Inspection Committee his or her exhibits and documentation evidencing his or her ownership. Presentation of such documents may also be required by the Show Officials who receive the animal at the time of its arrival at the Show.
- d. Each animal must be fed and fitted by students living in Leander I.S.D School District or enrolled in a Leander I.S.D. School. Any animal that is found to have been fed and/or fitted outside of Leander ISD school district or the county it is housed in for a period of time longer 48 Hours, unless Ag teacher approval is received, will be disqualified.
- e. Validation shall be accomplished, according to Texas Market Animal Validation Programs approved by the Board and the State FFA organization.
- f. Any exhibitor whose animal's validation is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such events to his or her supervisor within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. The Validation Chairman shall recommend to the Board President whether to revalidate the animal if necessary, or to disqualify from the Show.
- g. Each animal will be checked upon arrival at the Show for evidence of validation. Any animal which, in the opinion of the Board President, and the County Validation Chairman, shows evidence that its validation has been altered or tampered with shall be disqualified.
- h. No animal validated or carried as a project in a FFA program other than a participating school is eligible.
- i. All animals validated in the exhibitors name under the State Validation Tag (Williamson/Travis County), Williamson County Youth Expo, Williamson County Livestock Association, or Travis County Youth Show, will be considered validated and are eligible to show in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show.

4. **INELIGIBLE ANIMALS.** Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor for competition. Any animal found to be ineligible for judging must be removed from the Show Grounds within two (2) hours of such notification.

5. **DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS.** All animals will be released back to the exhibitors and must be removed from the Show Grounds at the completion of the species show. Any animal not removed from the Show Grounds by the designated release time will become property of Greater Leander FFA Project Show. Animals may be released at the time specified on the current schedule. Any exhibitor that violates this rule will not be eligible to sell at the auction.

6. **ETHICS.** The showing of unethically fitted livestock, or of any animal not of an age eligible for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethically fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using controlled substances, drugs – including but not limited to over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve confirmation.
- b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
- c. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
- d. Striking the animal to cause swelling.
- e. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair except the removal of warts, horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- f. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
- g. Changing the color of hair or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the Show.
- h. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- i. The use of diuretics.
- j. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per se (by esophagus), is prohibited.
- k. Administration of a drug internally or externally. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of medication are ineligible.
 - l. All medication administered during the Greater Leander FFA Project Show must be administered under the direction of a Veterinarian and a written medication record must be filed. Animals receiving any performance enhancing drugs (i.e. including, but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory, tranquilizers and painkillers) in this manner are ineligible from competition.
- m. The Official Show Veterinary, in agreement with the Board President, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinary it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinary administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal time, the animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
- n. No syringes, needles, implants, stomach pumps, are allowed on the Show premises. Unless directed by a Licensed Veterinarian with written orders. (drench guns are not assumed to be a syringe)
- o. Unethical administration of controlled substances to any animal during the feeding and fitting period is prohibited.
- p. The term "DRUG" shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by

license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affects the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous system of any species of livestock..

- q. The exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and all information is correctly stated. All entries will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating that the animal was not unethically fitted. These forms must be signed by the following:
 - i. Junior Exhibitor
 - ii. Parent or Guardian
 - iii. Agricultural Science Teachers
 - r. Any animal which in the opinion of the Judge, Board President, or AST shows signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with the intent to conceal the animals lack of soundness will be disqualified. The exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him/her to inspection by any veterinarian appointed by the Board President and agrees to have such animal submitted to such tests as may be requested. Greater Leander FFA Project Show reserves the right to have DNA, blood, and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian and analysis shall be final and conclusive without any recourse against Greater Leander FFA Project Show or any officer, director, employee thereof or veterinarian as appointed by the Board. The exhibitor waives the right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases Greater Leander FFA Project Show and the Veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of the veterinarian.
 - s. In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the Board is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his/her family from any further participation in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show. If any prizes have been awarded to animals shown in violation of these rules, the management will immediately request the return of all prizes.
 - t. Any exhibitor who has violated any portion of this Rule with his/her animal or another exhibitor's animal will have all of his/her projects in the Greater Leander FFA Project Show disqualified and the Board is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his/her family from any further participation in the Show, and said exhibitor shall be subject to any other penalties assessed by the Board.
7. **MEDICATION.** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods. For purposes of figuring withdrawal times the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Date should be used as the harvest dates.
8. **COMPLIANCE.** Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible to determine that his or her animal complies with all Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations concerning the administration of drugs, chemicals, and feed additives to food producing animals including, but not necessarily limited to, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1906 and all amendments thereto. Each exhibitor is deemed to represent and warrant to the Greater Leander FFA Project Show that his/her animal complies with all such laws, rules, and regulations at the time such animal is exhibited. Each exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Greater Leander FFA Project Show and all Show Officials from all fines, losses, claims, penalties, suits, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way related to a violation by such exhibitor of the representation and warranty stated above.
9. **OWNERSHIP/FEEDING PERIODS.** Each exhibitor must singularly own his or her exhibit at the beginning of the feeding period (Date of Validation). Such exhibitor must feed, care for, and exhibit without aid or assistance from anyone other than a Supervisor, his or her immediate family member, or AST, or other approved by AST; provided

however, that after the exhibit arrives at the Show Grounds, no one other than the exhibitor or his or her immediate family member, or Ag Teacher may aid or assist in the feeding, caring for, and exhibiting of the exhibit unless expressly authorized by these rules or at the discretion of the board. This rule shall not prohibit the assistance of a licensed veterinarian to provide advice and treatment for the health of the exhibit prior to arrival at the Show Grounds. Feeding and fitting periods will begin as of validation.

10. **ERRONEOUS ENTRY.** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to the proper class prior to judging upon application to the Livestock Show Board who will determine the matter upon its merits.

11. **VALIDATION.** Validation shall be accomplished according to Texas Market Animal Validation Programs approved by the Board and the State FFA organization. All validation paperwork must include a physical address. Exhibitors who are immediate family members may validate and fit the same animal. No jointly validated animal may be entered or shown by more than one exhibitor. Contact your supervisor for location and date of validation for each species (Note: Validation must take place on or before the deadline for the beginning of the feeding and fitting period). All GLFFA Projects must have a State Validation Tag, WCLA ear tag, or TCYS ear tag for Vandergrift.

A. Rabbit validation - Exhibitors must provide the Tattoo number for each rabbit that will be entered. Market rabbits and breeding rabbits may not have the same numbers.

12. **ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS.** All animals for exhibition in all divisions must be on the show grounds and checked in by the respective Superintendent of the Department not later than the deadline listed in the official Schedule of Events. Swine may have the option to move-in the night before. Animals that arrive after the designated deadline will not be accepted for competition in the Show. Any exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the Board President after consulting with the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher where reasonably possible.

13. **WEIGHING.**

- A) A minimum of the top 2 placing animals from each class will be re-weighed. The Judge and Superintendent reserve the right to weigh-back at any time. All cattle, lambs, swine, goats, and rabbits will be weighed at the time scheduled for that species upon arrival at the Show. Each exhibitor must immediately report to his Supervisor any accidental loss or damage to the validation of his or her animal. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the animal. The Official Show scales can only be used by the Department Superintendents or their designee.
- B) All animals must be present on grounds for animal weight cards to be submitted and accepted!

14. **OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBIT.** The Board reserves the right to remove from the Show Grounds any exhibit, animal or equipment that may be falsely entered, or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable. No animal having a disease or showing symptoms of a disease of any nature will be allowed to participate in the show. Officials have the right to remove showing privileges at any time. At weigh in if an animal shows any sign(s) of a disease they will not be allowed to weigh. They will be placed in a quarantined area. The department Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, General Livestock Supt., and show veterinarian (at exhibitors expense) will evaluate the animal and determine whether or not showing privileges will be granted. This will include, but not limited to Ringworms, stress and other communicable diseases.

15. **CARE OF ANIMALS.** Each Exhibitor is solely responsible for the care, security, and preservation of his or her exhibit. Neither the Greater Leander FFA Project Show Board nor any Show Official shall be responsible for any loss, shrinkage or damage to the exhibitor's livestock, exhibitor's property or the owners or exhibitors thereof. Each exhibitor whose animal has been entered in the Show is required to feed and care for the animal, stall, or pen until the time of release and to be present to assist in loading the animal at the time of release. All electrical appliances used by the exhibitor will be subject to approval by an electrical inspector or Show Officials who may make periodic inspections throughout

the Show. Hand held battery operated clippers for touch up purposes may be used. If an exhibitor fails to care for his or her animal in accordance with this Rule, the exhibitor shall be subject to such penalties and charges assessed by the Board, in its sole discretion, which penalties and charges shall be deducted from any payments, premium, or compensation payable to the exhibitor.

16. **ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED.** Should an animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall graduate up onto the higher position.

17. **AWARDS.** In each class, animals will be ranked (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) according to their placing.

18. **STALL ASSIGNMENT.** All Market Animals must remain in assigned areas at the Show Grounds unless authorized by the Department . All livestock exhibitors must comply with the following stalling rules:

- a. Market animals must NOT leave the Show Barn at any time.
- b. Exercising must be done in the Show Barn or designated areas.
- c. Pens will be assigned by the show, per school, based on entries at the time of show setup. If exhibitors pay late entry, pens are not guaranteed, but will be given out on a first come first serve basis as long as pens are available.
- d. Due to limited pen space at the Show, the Show management reserves the right to place more than one animal in each pen. Each department will be arranged so that each specific FFA chapter will be penned or stalled together wherever possible (except poultry and rabbits).
- e. Tack stalls will be assigned only if space permits.
- f. Any exhibitor who violates this Rule or who participated, directly or indirectly, in a violation of this Rule, will have all of his/her entries disqualified including projects qualifying for the Premium Sale. The exhibitor can also be placed on probation for the following year's Show.

19. **EQUIPMENT.** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, etc.) is prohibited.

20. **LOST OR BROKEN TAGS.** Livestock projects that have lost or broken their tags are allowed on the show grounds during load-in as long as prior arrangements have been made with the show official to retag the animal. Animals needing to be retagged will be placed in a holding pen to be retagged or identified prior to weighing. Show officials will do everything possible to ensure the identity of the animal, if the identification of the animal is not able to be determined, the animal will be deemed ineligible to show.

21. **BARN HOURS.** Barn hours will be from 6:00 AM until midnight.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: CATTLE

- 1. After the cattle are weighed-in, they will be divided as equally as possible into classes by weight
 - a. 10 head mandates 2 classes
 - a. 11 to 15 mandates 3 classes

b. 15 to 20 head would mandate 4 classes

2. Cattle will be weighed under the direction of the show official committee. Cattle will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes for the respective breed classifications by the Department Superintendent and an assistant with a minimum of 3 animals within a breed classification including heifers to make more than one class. Less than three heifers will show as Market. The size of classes and number of classes will be determined by the number of entries within each classification.
3. Market Steers will be validated according to the Texas Steer Validation Program, approved by the Board and the State 4-H and/or FFA organizations.
4. No change of the major color pattern or dyeing will be allowed, with the exception of dressing on hooves and scurs. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any steer will not be allowed at the Show.
4. When steers are weighed-in, no other equipment except a rope halter, neck rope, and/or nose ring can be attached to the animal.
5. The Greater Leander cattle show will be a blow and go show only. No fitting of cattle will be allowed
6. All market steers will be tattooed & tagged with a Texas state ear tag (see Rule #10), at the time of Greater Leander FFA Project Show Validation date. Any exhibitor whose animal's validation tag is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such an event to his/her Ag Science Teacher within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. All market steers must have the state validation tag and tattoo in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds for the annual Greater Leander FFA Project Show event. The Board President may use nose prints to settle validation questions at the Show. All GLFFA Projects must have a State Validation Tag (Williamson/Travis County), WCLA ear tag, or TCYS ear tag for Vandergrift.
7. The Board President or Greater Leander FFA Project Show Livestock Superintendent and show official committee may disqualify an unruly steer from the Show Ring
8. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all labels and directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.
9. A tolerance of 5% will be given beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.

HEIFER CLASS

1. Heifers will be weighed in the case that there are not enough heifers to make a division or class.
2. Heifer will all be shown together and not by breed unless there are more than 3 or more to make a breed.
3. In the event there are 3 of one breed and less than three of another breed all breeds will be shown by age as class as possible but there will never be a class of less than two.
4. Heifers will be shown by DOB and classed accordingly. (only if Heifer classes make)

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET LAMBS

1. Wether and ewe lambs will be eligible to be shown.
2. Lambs will be classified and weighed under the direction of the Department Superintendent. Lambs will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes for the respective breed classifications (Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Dorper, and Medium Wool) by the Department Superintendent and an assistant with a minimum of 3 animals within a breed classification to make more than one class. The size of classes and number of classes will be determined by the number of entries within each classification.
3. Lambs will be classified by the official classifier using the breed classification standards found in the current HLSR Premium book. A link will be placed here once online – <http://www.hlsr.com>
4. There will be no shearing/clipping with cord type electrical clippers allowed on the show grounds after check in. Touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.
5. The Department Superintendent will determine that all lambs are uniformly slick shorn from the knee joint and hock joint before the time of weigh-in. Lambs not meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent will be allowed to remove the lamb from the barn for re-shearing and to be presented to the Lamb Superintendent before the check-in deadline. All lambs found to still be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the show.
6. Market Lambs will be validated according to the Texas Lamb Validation Program, approved by the Board and the State FFA organizations.
7. No painting, powdering, artificial coloring, or adhesives will be allowed.
8. (See rule # 11). Any exhibitor whose animal's validation tag is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such an event to his/her Ag Science Teacher within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. The Board President may use nose prints to settle validation questions at the Show. All TLBA (Texas Lamb Breeders Association) ear tags must be in place before arriving at validation. The Greater Leander FFA Project Show validation committee WILL NOT place TLBA ear tags in lambs' ears. All GLFFA Projects must have a State Validation Tag (Williamson/Travis County), WCLA ear tag, or TCYS ear tag for Vandergrift.
9. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.
10. Animals will submit a weight card to declare weight, tag number, and breed by time and date posted by the Show Official Committee . Animals will be classified prior to show at time and place determined by the Show Official committee.
11. A tolerance of 5 pounds will be given beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET GOATS

1. Wether and doe goats may be shown as market goats only.
2. Exhibitors are required to have all goats dehorned or to have horns tipped to the width of a dime

before arrival at the Show.

3. There will be no shearing/clipping with cord type electrical clippers allowed on the show grounds after check in. Touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.

4. Goats must be shorn slick (with no indication of blocking) above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, upon arrival to the Show Grounds. Goats not meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent will be allowed to remove the goat from the barn for re-shearing and to be presented to the Department Superintendent before the check-in deadline. All goats found to still be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the show.

5. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

6. Meat Goats will be validated according to the Texas Meat Goat Validation program, approved by the Board and the state FFA organizations.

7. No painting, powdering, artificial coloring, or adhesives will be allowed.

8.(See Rule # 11). Any exhibitor whose animal validation tag is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such an event to his/her Agriculture Science Teacher within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. All GLFFA Projects must have a State Validation Tag (Williamson/Travis County), WCYE, WCLA ear tag, or TCYS ear tag for Vandergrift.

9. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.

10. Animals will submit a weight card to declare weight, tag number, and breed by time and date posted by the Show Official Committee . Animals will be classified prior to show at time and place determined by the Show Official committee.

11. A tolerance of 5 pounds will be given beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: SWINE

1. Swine will be broken down by breeds (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Dark OPB, Light OPB and Cross Bred) and then by weight. There must be 4 heads of the breed to make a breed and minimum of seven within a breed classification to make more than one class. The size of classes and number of classes will be determined by the number of entries within each classification. Classification will be done at the time of weigh in and is final and cannot be appealed. Any animal that does not meet breed classification will be placed in a crossbred class. Swine will be classified by the official classifier using the breed classification standards found in the current HLSR Premium book at <http://www.hlsr.com>.

2. Only touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.

3. The use of talc or oils or any foreign material will not be permitted. No drenching methods can be used on

market Swine.

4. All Swine projects will be tagged and ear notched according to state validation rules at the time of validation (See rule #11). Any exhibitor whose animal's validation is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such an event to his/her Ag Science Teacher within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. Any swine arriving at the Show Grounds without the appropriate ear tag and notches will be subject to disqualification from showing (Refer to Rule #21). All GLFFA Projects must have a State Validation Tag (Williamson/Travis County, WCLA ear tag, or TCYS ear tag for Vandergrift.
5. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.
6. Classes will be broken as evenly as possible by breed under the direction of the Swine Superintendent and the General Livestock Superintendent using the following sliding scale:
7. If a breed has 8 or more classes the Swine Superintendent may create division champion classes within the particular breed.
8. Animals will submit a weight card to declare weight, tag number, and breed by time and date posted by the Show Official Committee . Animals will be classified prior to show at time and place determined by the Show Official committee.
9. A tolerance of 10 pounds will be given beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: Poultry

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: CHICKENS

1. All broiler orders must be placed through and validated by the Williamson County Livestock Association.
2. Each exhibitor will be assigned a unique identification wing band number for their fryer order (75 maximum) from which they must select their fryer entry.
3. Students will show one of their left over birds from a Validated Williamson County hatch as a single bird roaster in the Greater Leander FFA Show.
4. The birds will be wing tagged by the breeder for identification. The birds must have their original and un-tampered wing bands at the time of entry. Birds losing their wing band, unless the wing band is lost while in possession of the Show Official, will be sifted.
5. At check-in, the judge will do a preliminary judging and will sift for sex, wing bands, parasites, fitness, and quality. Each exhibitor is entitled to have two (2) birds available for inspection per entry. The judge shall have the discretion to substitute the extra bird. One (1) bird will be designated as the bird for show. The second bird will only be made available for show if the judge requests a replacement bird due to sift findings during inspection.
6. All birds must be alive at check-in.
7. There will be no weight limits.

8. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed, water, feed and water containers.
9. No bird substitutions will be allowed after the birds have been inspected.
10. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.
11. All sifted birds will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds within two hours of sift.
12. All show birds will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds during designated release times.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: RABBITS ENTRY

MARKET RABBIT RULES OR MEAT PENS

1. Each Exhibitor may enter up to three (3) entries of standard meat pen rabbits or 3 pens of Rabbits.
2. Meat pen definition: Pen will consist of three (3) animals. Each animal shall weigh at least 3.5 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds and shall not be over 10 weeks of age.
3. All three (3) rabbits shall be the same breed.
4. VALIDATION/TATTOOS: Exhibitors must have ownership and possession of meat rabbit pens prior to the validation date that is **December 17 @ 4:30-5:30pm**.
 - a. Exhibitors must provide the tattoo for each rabbit that will be entered in the show to the rabbit validation chair by the entry deadline. To have the Breeding rabbit tattoos beforehand.
 - b. Tattoos will be placed in the rabbit's left ear for permanent identification at validation.
 - c. No breeder tattoos or markings should be placed in the left ear prior to validations.
 - d. Each exhibitor is allowed to validate a maximum of twelve (12) meat rabbits of the same breed, the first four will be validated free, and all others will be \$1 each.
 - e. In the case of cross validation within families, twelve (12) meat rabbits of the same breed may be validated per family member entered in the Show (i.e. A family of two exhibitors can validate no more than twenty-four (24) meat rabbits of the same breed, a family of three can validate no more than thirty-six (36) meat rabbits of the same breed and so on.).
 - f. All rabbits must have tattoo numbers on the entry form, to declare meat pens vs. breeding rabbits.
5. A Show Official appointed by the Board of Directors will sift all rabbits as they enter the show.
6. The rabbit show will follow ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) rules. This is NOT an ARBA sanctioned show.
7. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, water, and feed and water containers.
8. No substitutions of rabbits will be allowed after the rabbits enter the exhibition area.
9. Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods.

10. All sifted rabbits will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds within two hours of the completion of the rabbit show.
11. All show rabbits will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds during designated release times.
12. **Rabbits shown as part of a meat pen cannot be entered in the breeding show.**

BREEDING RABBIT SHOW RULES

1. All recognized breeds of rabbits will be eligible. The American Rabbit Breeders Rules will apply.
2. **During validation, each rabbit must be clearly and permanently earmarked with an individual tattoo in its left ear and a validation tattoo in its right ear. This tattoo can not match a meat pen's numbers.**
 - a. Previous validation or ARBA tattoos in the right ear will suffice as a validation tattoo.
 - b. If a breeding rabbit does not have a validation tattoo in the right ear then the supervising teacher may supply one and notify the Rabbit Superintendent or attend the market rabbit validation on the market rabbit validation date.
 - c. All rabbit entries must include ear number, class, sex, and breed.
3. The breeding show will be a carrying cage show. Breeding rabbits will arrive the same day as judged. Exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cages.
4. Bring only breed, sex, ID number, age & show class that was entered.
5. Classes are as follows:
 - a. Breeding Rabbit Classes Pre-Junior Doe Under 3 months
 - b. Junior Doe 3 months to less than 6 months
 - c. Doe 6 months to less than 8 months
 - d. Senior Doe 8 months and older
 - e. Pre-Junior Buck Under 3 months Junior
 - f. Buck 3 months to less than 6 months
 - g. Buck 6 months to less than 8 months
 - h. Senior Buck 8 months or older
6. Any animal showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, malocclusion, broken teeth, sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange vent disease, runny eyes, missing toenails or 48 other disqualifying features will be excluded from the show. Refer to the "Standards of Perfection" section of the ARBA rules for further details on disqualifying diseases and features.
7. Breeding rabbits will be placed by class and a champion of the Does will be selected and a champion of bucks will be selected.
8. The champion of the does and buck will be shown to select the supreme champion Breeding Rabbit.
9. Rabbits entered as meat pens are not eligible for breeding rabbit shows.

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: SHOWMANSHIP

1. In the divisions of Cattle, Goats, Swine, Lambs, Poultry and Rabbits, showmanship will be handled by the species judge. Showmanship will be open to all youth who wish to participate within the species they showed. Showmanship will take place after the judging of the species.
2. Exhibitors participating in showmanship must show an animal that is owned and exhibited by them during the current year's show.
3. All showmanship rabbits must come from the exhibitor's meat pen or breeding rabbit. No outside rabbits may be utilized in showmanship competitions.
4. Placings will be awarded to the top in each division.
5. Awards for Champion and Reserve Champion Showmanship for each species division will be determined annually by the committee - Cattle, Swine, Lamb, Goat, Rabbit, & Poultry
6. All showmanship participants must compete in their respective division, with exception of Junior exhibitors who will compete with Seniors.
7. All Showmanship participants must compete in their respective divisions in which they entered that animal. Exhibitors must show only an animal that is validated in their name.
8. A Junior showmanship participant will only participate in one division.

Greater Leander FFA

Project Show Rules

Youth Fair Rules

2025-2026

GREATER LEANDER FFA PROJECT SHOW ENTRY RULES

- **Entry Procedure and Deadline:** The project show will take place on the Saturday of the Greater Leander FFA Project Show. All entries must be submitted by January 18, 2026. The right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.
- **All Projects must be hand made by the exhibitor under Agricultural Science Teacher approval.** Finished projects may not be store bought, but may be made from kits.
- **Entry Fees:**
 - Entries will be \$10.00 per project.
 - Exhibitors can enter a maximum of 3 entries per youth fair division or category (Exception: 1 Agriscience Entry), 6 total entries maximum across all youth fair divisions.
 - Refer to General rules for auction numbers and declaration dates and times.
- **No Refunds of Entry Fees Will Be Made**

Project Show General Rules

- **Project Identification Form:** Exhibitor's Project Identification Forms will be provided at check-in.
- **Exhibit Areas will be closed during Judging.** All Judges' decisions are final.
- All members participating in an individual project must be present at time of judging for personal interview on the project. If exhibitors are not present, points will be deducted. If exhibitors are taking place in another contest, they may contact the superintendent and arrangements can be made to avoid point deduction.
- **Project Qualifications: Projects that have been released back to the exhibitor from a Greater Leander FFA Show cannot be re-entered in a Greater Leander FFA Show in following years.**
- **Group Projects:** Group projects are permitted in some divisions to allow two or more youth to work together on one project. Group project exhibitor guidelines:
 - Group projects will be entered and judged in the age group based on the grade of the oldest member in the group.
 - An exhibitor may participate in ONLY ONE group project.
 - Complete descriptions must be given for each entry. All group members and parent or guardian must sign an entry form. One (1) exhibitor may enter the group project, but must list all individuals in the group on the entry form.
 - All members participating in a group project must be present at time of judging for personal interview on the project. If all members are not present, points will be deducted. If exhibitors are taking place in another contest, they may contact the superintendent and arrangements can be made to avoid point deduction.

• **Classifications:** Questions arising in classification of entries will be resolved by the Greater Leander FFA Show General Superintendent. Entries must be appropriate for the division/class entered and must meet all rules pertaining to the division/class or it will be disqualified. At the Greater Leander FFA Show General Superintendent's discretion, Greater Leander FFA Project Show reserves the right to combine and/or divide any class for more competitive judging. The Greater Leander FFA Show General Superintendent may move an entry to another division/class in order to group similar items for judging. The decision of the Greater Leander FFA Show General Superintendent is final.

• **Safety:** All projects shall meet safety standards and electrical codes. Failure to comply shall result in the disqualification of the project (see Agriculture Mechanics Show Rules)

• **NO LIVE ANIMALS will be permitted in the project show area.**

• **Ribbons:** Ribbons will be placed on the projects upon completion of judging. Placing ribbons will be awarded on the basis of place derived from judges scoring rubric.

• **Awards:** Rosettes will be awarded to Category Champions and Reserve Category Champions. Division champion and Reserve champion to receive awards.

a) All group projects winning a buckle will receive 1 buckle per project, additional buckles can be purchased at exhibitors expense.

• **Auction:** The top 35% of each division (excluding Public Speaking) projects at the project show will be added to the livestock lots. The auction placing depth will be set by division not by individual class. A random draw may be used to select a limited number of auction lots from equally placing projects as required to achieve the target number/percent of auction lots for the division. Grand and Reserve automatically making the sale. 1 sale slot per student for the project show. These sale positions are in addition to the livestock sale. This can not remove a student from the livestock sale spot but could allow 2 sale spots per exhibitor.

• A Showmanship winner for the Ag Mech division will be awarded based on presentation of project and interview/questions.

• Overall Grand and Reserve for each division are to be determined by calculations of rubric scores across all classes and are determined based off that rubric score. Class placing is not considered when overall placing is being considered.

Division 1- Agriculture Mechanics Rules

• All Agriculture Mechanics projects and exhibitors are subject to the rules and regulation of the Greater Leander FFA Show General Rules and all subsequent rules in this section.

• Entries are limited to students that are members of Leander I.S.D. FFA Chapters.

• Exhibitors must construct projects exhibited as part of their SAEP (Supervised Agricultural Experience Program)

- Project construction must have started within 1 calendar year of the show date.
- All Projects must be clean, painted, or treated and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
- The majority of the project must be wood and constructed from raw materials to qualify for the wood class.
- All Agriculture Mechanics projects entered must have a binder accompanying the project detailing and cost, project construction, and photographs of the student performing the work on the project, as well as research materials, and all legal paperwork pertinent to the project.
- **Documentation:** An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction and a bill of materials are required with each project. Additional documentation may be required for plans of vehicles that are used on public highways. ASAE standards must be met on three-point hitch and PTO Operated equipment.
 - **Working Drawing:** Should include a student drawn original multi-view orthographic projection drawn to a given scale with proper lettering and dimensioning. Dimensioning shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct a project. Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be a CAD (Computer Aided Design). Pictorials, isometric oblique, or perspective may be included.
 - **Bill of Materials:** Must include a list or a description of material, including quantity, size and cost. Other Information such as date of purchase, vendor name and/or Purchase Order Number, etc. may be included.
 - **Photographs:** Showing work in progress should depict proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in the order of constructing the project.
 - **Safety:** SDS sheets of all products used in the construction of the project must be part of the official documentation.
- **Safety:**
 - **Display:** Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided by the exhibitor for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points (such as those found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc.) are to be padded and/or covered as necessary in order to prevent injury.
 - **Transportation:** All trailers and other equipment that will be operated and/or transported on public roads must be equipped with safety equipment specified in Title 7, Vehicles and Traffic Transport Code of Texas Statutes. Specific chapters regarding Width (621.201), Lights and Reflectors (547.3232, 547.323, 547.324, 547.325), Brakes (547.401 and 547.402), Length (621.204) and Inspection (548.052) must be adhered to.

• **Judges' Criteria:**

- Workmanship.....30 points
- Design and Materials Used.....20 points
- Practicality.....20 points
- Degree of Difficulty.....10 points
- General Appearance and Finish.....10 points
- Documentation and Presentation.....10 points

Total.....100 Points

Metal Category

Classes

- **Livestock Equipment**-cages, trim chutes, blocking tables, head gates, crates, feeders, etc.
- **Recreational Equipment**-BBQ pits, fire pits, picnic tables, hunting equipment, yard art, metal art, etc.
- **Trailers** - stock trailers, utility trailers, car haulers, hay buggy, gooseneck, bumper pull, etc.
- **Farm Equipment**-sprayers, plows, disk, entrance gates, truck equipment and accessories, tools, etc.

Wood Category

Classes

- **Livestock Equipment**- Hog spread panels, gates, chicken coop, rabbit hutch, show box, etc.
- **Outdoor Accessories**-picnic tables, porch swings, Adirondack chairs, planters,
- **Indoor Accessories**- chest, gun cabinet, book case, coffee table, jewelry boxes, hat rack, etc.

Division 2- Horticulture Rules

- Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided by the exhibitor for hanging baskets, wreaths & swags, and other projects that need support.
- Water must not leak from living plant project containers.
- Plants may belong to any species. Plants must be disease and bug free.

- Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry.
- A Rubric will be used to score all entries in the Horticulture division.
- All entries must have a bill of materials upon classification to ensure that arrangements are being placed in the correct class for small Fresh Design, Medium Fresh Design and Large Fresh Design classes.

• **Judges' Criteria:**

- Workmanship.....30 points
- Design and Materials Used.....20 points
- Practicality.....20 points
- Degree of Difficulty.....10 points
- General Appearance and Finish.....10 points
- Documentation and Presentation.....10 points

Total.....100 Points

Living Plants Category

Classes

- **Dish Garden**-succulents, herbs, flowers, terrariums
- **Hanging Basket**
- **Potted Plants**

Floral Design Category

Classes

- **Permanent Designs**- centerpieces, set pieces, etc. contain less than 50% fresh flowers
- **Wreaths & Swags**- Holiday designs, etc.
- **Fresh Wear & Carry Designs**- Must be a design that can be worn or carried i.e. bouquet, boutonniere, corsage, headwear etc.
- **Fresh Centerpiece Designs** - Must be to scale on a table with dimensions of 6ft round table
- **Fresh Large Event/Wedding Designs** - A focal piece that could be used at various weddings and events i.e. 2, altar pieces, hanging designs, casket sprays, statement piece etc.
 - Larger than standard centerpiece to scale for 6ft round table
- **Homecoming Mums & Spirit Designs**

Division 3- Agriscience Fair Rules

There will be an Agriscience Fair Project display that will follow the Agriscience fair rules set forth and adopted by the Texas FFA. These rules can be found at <https://www.texasffa.org/page.aspx?ID=65> and will be the basis and governing rules for the Agriscience Fair portion of the Greater Leander ISD Project Show.

The interview portion of the Agriscience Fair will be held Saturday, between 12:00 noon and 3:00pm. Science

Fair papers will be turned into the Greater Leander Project Show by the Monday prior to the show for judges to read the papers.

All displays, materials, and content of the Agriscience Fair projects will be judged.

Division 4 - Prepared Public Speaking - 2 Divisions

Juniors & Seniors

Entry fee: \$10.00

Contest date Thursday January 22nd.

Contest will follow all Texas FFA Guidelines for Junior Prepared Public Speaking, minus delivery time as stated below.

Rubrics will be developed by the Projects committee.

Speeches must be the original work of the eligible exhibitor who is presenting the speech. Only one speech will be accepted per contestant. For returning competitors, the use of a previously given speech is allowed but not encouraged.

Bring a copy of your manuscript to the Public Speaking Contestant Briefing at the time of judging scheduled. The draw for speaking order will be at the contestant briefing.

Speech attire: Contestants should be dressed in business attire or official dress.

Contest Structure: Visual Aids are NOT allowed. The use of notecards or written speech manuscripts will be allowed. The contest will consist of the speech delivery followed by up to 5 minutes of questions from the judge's panel.

Time limit of Speech delivery:

- Juniors (4-6 minutes) – 9th grade
- Seniors (5-8 minutes) – 10th – 12th

Judging: Contestants will be judged and scored using the prepared public speaking rubric (Score Sheet for Public Speaking). Score sheets will be given back to the contestants at the awards ceremony following the conclusion of the contests. Undertime and overtime penalties are 2 points per ½ minute.

Buckles will be given to Champion Junior and Senior speakers, awards will be given for placings 1-6 for each division. This contest is NOT included in the sale.