



# 2026 Exhibitor Handbook

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**January 4-10, 2026**

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# Officers & Board of Directors

Superintendent.....K.D. Weaver

Assistant Superintendent.....Justin Little

Assistant Superintendent.....Alan Bauwin

**NEW** Secretary.....Barbara Rohrbough

Treasurer.....Kelly Huston

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## AgriLife Extension

Phyllis Griffin—Extension Agent/4-H

**NEW** Jake Matura—Extension Agent/Ag

Angel Neu—Extension Agent/FCH

Phil Reiter—Community Representative

Laura Eastman—Community Representative

## Muenster

Tara Whitely—Ag Teacher

Cody Martindale—Ag Teacher

Brooke Beall—FCS Teacher

Kevin Gann—Community Representative

**NEW** Kimberly Cain—Community Representative

## Callisburg

Devin Nix—Ag Teacher

Kelly Fortenberry—Ag Teacher

Katherine Chisholm—FCS Teacher

Joe McCauley—Community Representative

Jason Hodgkinson—Community Representative

## Valley View

Micah Davidson—Ag Teacher

Lauren Moon-Wagner—Ag Teacher

**NEW** Emmilou Albano—FCS Teacher

**NEW** Sarah Scivally—Community Representative

2nd community rep vacant

## Era

Robin Downe—Ag Teacher

Shannon Mulkey—Ag Teacher

Jackie Shaffer—Community Representative

Courtney Carlton—Community Representative

## Gainesville

Megan Fowler—Ag Teacher

Traci Broom—Ag Teacher

Kristal Young—FCS Teacher

Irma Oliva—FCS Teacher

Angela Roessler—Community Representative

**NEW** Renee Carter—Community Representative

## Division Superintendents

**NEW** Matt Bryson—Cattle & Dairy Cattle

**NEW** Justin Little—Sheep/Goats

**NEW** Jason York—Swine

Zachary Downe—Rabbits

Yvonne Sandmann—Poultry

Corbin Evans—Shop

Hannah Gilmore—Equine

Rhonda Smithson—Horticulture

**NEW** Katy Smith—FCS

Chad Trammell—Archery

## Lindsay

Cameron Worthington—Ag Teacher

Steve Keith—Ag Teacher

Robyn Hedrick—FCS Teacher

Jeff Hellman—Community Representative

2nd community rep vacant.

# 2026 Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Time TBd

Equine Exhibitor Check-in

Time TBD

Equine Show

*Cooke County Cowboy Church 8207 US HWY 82 Gainesville*



Sunday, January 4, 2026

1:00 pm

Archery Check-in

2:00 pm

Archery Contest

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:00 am

Steer weigh-in/classification

Beef, Longhorn & Dairy Heifer Check-in



8:00 am

Poultry Exhibitor Check-in



9:00 am

Poultry Show (Broilers followed by breeding)



9:00 am

Cattle Show (Dairy, Steers, Beef Heifers, Longhorns)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:00 am

Lamb & Goat Weigh in/Classification

10:00 am

Lamb Show (Breeding followed by Market)

Goat Show (Dairy, Breeding, Market)

*Goat show will begin immediately following Lamb Show*



9:00 am—1:00 pm

FCS & Horticulture Show Check-in

*FCS & Horticulture Shows will be at NCTC Lion Field House  
1525 W California St. Gainesville*



3:00 pm

Horticulture Judging

*FCS & Horticulture Shows will be at NCTC Lion Field House  
1525 W California St. Gainesville*



4:00 pm

Swine Move in—**TACK ONLY** at the conclusion of the goat show



5:00—8:00 pm

Swine Weigh in/Classification

**Note: weigh in/classification will be directly off the trailer**

# 2026 Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 8,

2026

9:00 am

FCS Judging

*FCS & Horticulture Shows will be at NCTC Lion Field House  
1525 W California St. Gainesville*

9:00 am

Swine Show

4:00—6:00 pm

FCS Project Viewing

Horticulture Project Viewing

*FCS & Horticulture viewing will be at NCTC Lion Field House  
1525 W California St. Gainesville*

Ag Mechanics Move-in

6:00—7:00 pm

FCS & Horticulture Project Pick up

Friday, January 9, 2026

7:30 am

Rabbit Check-in

8:00 am

Rabbit Show (market followed by breeding)

9:00 am

Ag Mechanics Show

**NEW**

11:30 am

Ag Mechanics Fastest Torch Contest  
check-in

**NEW**

Noon

Fastest Torch Contest

Saturday, January 10, 2026

**NEW**

10:30 am

Exhibitor Check-in

*(all sale qualifying exhibitors must pick up their  
backtag lot #)*

**NEW**

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Silent Auction

**NEW**

11:00 am

Supporter's/Buyer's Luncheon

United Way Group Photo

**NEW**

Noon


Announcement of Scholarship Winners

Parade of Champions

Premium Sale

## Entry Deadlines & Fees

**All entries are due November 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm.** Entries must be submitted through the online Showworks entry link posted on the CCJLS website: ccjls.org. Exhibitors may enter themselves and pay online or submit their entries to their Ag Teacher, FCS Teacher or 4-H Extension Agent. Check with your teacher or extension agent before entering. **CCJLS is not responsible for incomplete or missing entries. Please check your Showworks entry receipt for confirmation.**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Market & Breeding & Commercial Sheep, Market, Breeding, Commercial & Dairy Goats, Market & Breeding Swine, Steers, Breeding Heifers, Longhorn Heifers & Dairy Cattle	\$20 per head
Equine	\$12 per class
Market Poultry, Meat Rabbits, Shop	\$20 per entry
Horticulture	\$10 per entry
FCS	\$8 per entry
Breeding Poultry & Breeding Rabbits	\$5 per head
 Archery	\$20 per exhibitor

## Late Entry Deadlines & Fees

Late entries in the amount of **three (3) times the entry fee in any division will be accepted beginning November 16, 2025 and no later than 11:59 pm, November 22, 2025.** No entries will be accepted after the late entry deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Late entries must be submitted through the online Showworks entry link posted on the CCJLS website: ccjls.org

**Payment must be made online for all late entries. No checks or cash will be accepted for late entries, no exceptions.**

## Entry Payment

Payment with one (1) check from each school (FFA & FCCLA) or County 4-H office for their total entries will be accepted. No Personal checks or cash will be accepted.

Online payments will be accepted with a debit or credit card. A processing fee of \$1 will be added for all online payments. **Ag Teachers, FCS Teachers and 4-H Agent are responsible for setting their own guidelines for entry submissions. CCJLS is not responsible for incomplete or missing entries.**

## **ENTRY FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE—NO EXCEPTIONS**

A summary report listing all entries from each FFA chapter, 4-H club and FCCLA club will be provided to the Ag teachers, extension agents, and FCS teachers for review and approval at the completion of the entry period. **Only Corrections to submitted entries can be made at this time.** Signed summary sheets confirming all entries will be due back to the show secretary at the December board meeting, along with payment.

## Validation Guidelines & Deadlines

NEW

- All animals in all divisions must be state validated unless otherwise noted below.
- Breeding Heifers must be registered in the exhibitor's name and state validated or show as commercial.
- Commercial heifers must be county validated.
- Longhorn Heifers must be registered with the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America. However, they are not required to be registered in the name of the exhibitor nor be validated.
- Meat Pen Rabbits must be county validated.

See *Validation dates and costs below*. State validation tags must be ordered through 4-H Extension Agent or AG Teacher. County Validation Cost will be \$25 per tag for commercial heifers.

### Validation Dates & Locations

#### Sheep & Goats

Date: October 13, 2025

Location: Gainesville ISD Ag Barn

Time: 5:00 am–9:00 am

Cost: State Validation Cost

#### Breeding Heifers

Date: Check with Ag Teacher or 4-H Agent

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Cost: State Validation Cost

#### Horticulture

Date: November 18, 2025 (plants only)

Location: Cooke County Fairgrounds  
1901 Justice Center Blvd  
Gainesville, TX 76240

Time: 6:00 pm until finished

Cost: none

#### Swine

Date: Check with Ag Teacher or 4-H Agent

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Cost: State Validation Cost

#### Rabbits (meat pens only)

Date: December 15, 2025 @ Cooke County Fairgrounds,  
1901 Justice Center Blvd, Gainesville

Time: 6:00 pm until finished      Cost: None

### **Broiler Order Deadline & Pickup Dates**

All broiler entries must come from one (1) county order. Each exhibitor must purchase a minimum of 25 birds. **Order Deadline is October 1, 2025**. One check must accompany the FFA chapter or 4-H order. Make checks payable to Valley View FFA. Ordering chicks **DOES NOT** enter the exhibitor in the junior livestock show. Entries must be made separately. No refunds will be made on chick orders. All orders must be placed through the County 4-H extension agent for 4-H members or Ag teachers for FFA members. Pick up date is Friday, November 21, 2025. Exhibitors will be notified of pickup time and place after orders are completed.

## **General Rules**



1. Any youth enrolled in a Cooke County public, private or home school of less than college level and resides in Cooke County that is a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA is eligible to enter. Youth who reside outside of Cooke County but are enrolled in a Cooke County school and are an FFA or FCCLA member OR reside outside of the county, do not attend a Cooke County school, but are a Cooke County 4-H member must designate which county he/she will be participating in. Youth who have been banned from any other stock show are not eligible to compete. Students may compete in the following divisions based on membership: FFA: All divisions, FCCLA: All divisions except market animals, 4-H: All divisions
2. Current state UIL/TAPPS "No pass, No Play" rules will be enforced. All ag teachers, FCS teachers and county 4-H agent will be required to submit an approved eligibility list of their participating exhibitors, signed by an appropriate school administrator prior to the exhibitor's show check-in date.
3. All animals must be shown and/or sold by the owner. The owner is defined as a member of FFA or 4-H who has validated the animal either within the state validation system or during the county validation. The animal may be validated as a family entry by immediate family members as defined by the State Validation system.
4. Exceptions: major illness (accompanied by doctor's note), death, religious, military, or any UIL/TAPS competition above the district level. Exceptions MUST be approved by the CCJLS Board Grievance Committee prior to the show or sale date. If an exhibitor cannot exhibit or sale the animal due to an exception, it will be the responsibility of the Ag teacher, FCS teacher or extension agent to submit a **Substitute Exhibitor Request Form** to the Grievance Committee and provide an alternate name to exhibit the project. \*\*students not in attendance for the premium sale due to an approved exception must notify the committee by 8am on the date of the sale. In the case of an exhibitor showing more than one animal in the same weight class, a Cooke County 4-H or FFA member may show one of the animals.
5. Any complaint must be filed in writing by an Ag teacher, FCS teacher, or Extension agent, signed and submitted to the executive committee for action by the board. All complaints should be presented to the committee by 5:00pm on Friday of the following week of the show along with a \$100 fee. The fee will be refunded only if the complaint is confirmed.
6. All animals will meet Texas Animal health requirements.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. All livestock must be placed on record and feed by the validation deadline.
2. Entry fees will be applied as listed on page 6. **No refunds will be made after the entry closing date.**
3. An exhibitor may enter and show a maximum of three (3) market entries per species and sell only one entry. Each exhibitor must enter individually, no family entries.
4. Exhibitors may enter and show as many breeding animals as desired.
5. Female market animals can be changed to breeding classes. The same animals cannot be shown in market classes. Breeding animals cannot be changed to market classes.
6. An exhibitor may enter one entry per class in the Family and Consumer Science Show and not more than ten(10) entries, total, in the show. Only one item can sell in the premium sale. FCS entries must be shown as entered. (i.e. exhibitors will not be allowed to change from one division to another after the entry deadline )



## SPECIAL PROVISIONS


1. Three age divisions of showmanship classes in each livestock division and shop division will be judged. Exhibitors must show their own animal or project. Age divisions are as follows:  
Juniors: grades 3-5    Intermediate: grades 6-8    Senior: grades 9-12
2. Exhibitor classes will be posted before show time.
3. Exhibitors in violation of the rules will be disqualified from the show and premium sale. Exhibitors should practice rules of fair competition.
  - a. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body and painted /dyed to conceal the additional material. No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Use of adhesives, aerosol cans, powder or filler material on any animal will not be allowed (aerosol oils may be used in cattle, no adhesives) NO dressing other than water may be used on swine. The final decision will rest with the Division Superintendent and executive committee.
  - b. Any animal showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with, in the opinion of the Judge, Division Superintendent, General Show Superintendent, for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified.
  - c. Altering of any type of Legal documents, such as Registration papers, Coggins test certificates, and Health papers
4. All entered livestock must stay in the assigned stall space provided by the Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show division superintendents. Animals **WILL NOT** be permitted to return to their trailer after weighing in and/or check in. Cattle will be permitted to tie out in outside pens.
-  5. Only large flake shavings will be permitted inside the barn. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own shavings and disposal of those shavings at the completion of their respective show.
-  6. NO PARENTS, AG TEACHERS OR EXTENSION AGENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSIFICATION AREA.
7. Glitter, ribbons, and other ornaments on animals will not be permitted during the show or sale.
8. The Cooke County Junior Livestock Show Board reserves to its executive committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences regarding, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the show and the right to amend or add to these rules as the judgment may determine.
9. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals, FCS, Horticulture and Ag Mechanics must sell in the premium sale unless one exhibitor owns more than one champion/ reserve champion. Then, the exhibitor must select which entry will sell. If an exhibitor has more than one sale eligible entry in the same species, they must sell the highest placing entry.
10. Each participant may only sell one eligible item/animal in the sale.
11. 4-H entries are limited to: members of chartered Cooke County 4-H clubs with a completed and approved membership enrollment by November 15 of the current 4-H year.
12. When the actual entries in a division or category become less than 5, the category or division will be awarded banners and may be eliminated at the discretion of the executive committee.
13. Any check issued to an exhibitor from the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show will be void after 90 days from the date issued. A \$50 reissuing fee will apply for expired or lost checks. Any check not cashed/deposited by the following year's sale date will become null and void. Funds will be retained in the CCJLS operating budget.

# CATTLE DIVISION

**Entry Deadline:**  
**November 15, 2025**

**Validation Deadline:**  
June 30, 2025 for Steers; October 31, 2025 for Heifers

**Superintendent:**  
Matt Bryson

Arrival: January 6, 2026, 6:00am  
Steer Weigh in: January 6, 2026, 8:00am  
Heifer Registration & Check in: January 6, 2026, 8:00am  
 Judging: January 6, 2026, 9:00 am  
Show Order: Dairy Cattle, Steers, Beef Heifers, Longhorns


## **RULES**

1. Showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the steer and heifer shows.
2. Three age divisions will be judged:  
Juniors: grades 3-5  
Intermediate: grades 6-8  
Senior: grades 9-12


### MARKET STEERS

1. Steers will be shown by weight only: light, medium and heavy weight.
2. Steers showing brands of other shows are ineligible.
3. All steers must be dehorned.
4. Show will be blow and go. No adhesives, glues, paint or fillers will be allowed.
5. Steers must weigh at least 800 lbs. No maximum weight limit.

### REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS

1. The following divisions will be recognized in the breeding heifer show: American, British, Exotic and AOB.
-  2. Heifers will be put into classes by age after all entries have been received.
3. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.
4. Ownership date on registration paper must reflect date on or before validation date.
5. Entries not registered to the exhibitor are ineligible to show.

### COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFERS

1. Heifers not sate validated with registration papers will show in this division.
2. Must be county only validated.
-  3. Heifers will be put into classes by age after all entries have been received.
4. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.

## CATTLE DIVISION (cont.)

### LONGHORN HEIFERS

1. Heifers must be registered with the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America. However, they are not required to be registered in the name of the exhibitor. A copy of registration papers must be presented at show check-in.
2. Classes will be divided according to age after all entries are received.
3. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.

## DAIRY CATTLE DIVISION


**Entry Deadline:**  
**November 15, 2025**

**Superintendent:**

 **Matt Bryson**

Arrival: January 6, 2026, 6:00am

Check in: January 6, 2026, 8:00am

 Judging: January 6, 2026, **9:00 am**

### **RULES**

1. Must have at least three (3) animals to constitute a breed. Otherwise, animals will go into an AOB class.
2. Age classes will be split by the division superintendent after receipt of entries.
3. Showmanship will be judged immediately following the selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer.
4. Three age divisions of showmanship classes will be judged. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Age divisions are as follows:
  - Juniors: grades 3-5
  - Intermediate: grades 6-8
  - Senior: grades 9-12

# GOAT DIVISION

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Validation Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025



**Superintendent:**  
**Justin Little**

Arrival: January 7, 2026, 6:00am

Breeding Goat Check in: January 7, 2026, 8:00am

Weigh in & Classification Market Goats: January 7, 2026, 8:00 am

Judging: January 7, 2026, @ 10:00 am (following sheep show. Order will be dairy, followed by breeding/wether does, followed by market)

## **RULES**

1. Showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the market goat show. Exhibitors must show their own animal .
2. Three age divisions will be judged:  
Juniors: grades 3-5  
Intermediate: grades 6-8  
Senior: grades 9-12

## **DAIRY GOATS**

1. Must have at least three (3) animals to constitute a class.
2. Classes are:
  - A. Junior Does (not in milk) 0-6 months
  - B. Junior Does (not in milk) 7-12 months
  - C. Junior Does (not in milk) 13-18 months
  - D. Junior Does (not in milk) 19-24 months
  - E. Senior Does under 3 years (including younger animals that have freshened)
  - F. Senior Does 3 years and older

## **BREEDING GOATS & WETHER DOES**

1. All entries will be shown by weight.
2. Classes will be divided evenly by weight.
3. All entries must be Texas State Validated.
4. Wether does are allowed to show in market goat show, but the same animal cannot be shown in both breeding/wether show and market show.

## **MARKET GOATS**

1. Wethers or does may be shown
2. Purebred or crossbred goats may be shown.
3. Animals must have horns tipped blunt, no smaller than a dime, or disbudded prior to arrival.
4. All meat goats will be weighed and divided into at least three (3) weight classes as equally as possible.
5. Minimum weight is 50 lbs.
6. Goats will be shown with neck chains or halters and trained to lead.

# SHEEP DIVISION

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
 **Justin Little**

Arrival: January 7, 2026, 6:00am  
Breeding Sheep Check in: January 7, 2026, 8:00am  
Weigh in & Classification Market Sheep: January 7, 2026, 8:00 am  
Judging: January 7, 2026, @ 10:00 am (Breeding followed by Market)

## RULES

1. Showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the market lamb show. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
2. Three age divisions will be judged:
  - Juniors: grades 3-5
  - Intermediate: grades 6-8
  - Senior: grades 9-12

## BREEDING SHEEP & WETHER DAMS

1. All entries will be shown by weight.
2. Classes will be divided evenly by weight.
3. All entries must be Texas State Validated.
4. Wether dams and ewes are allowed to show in market lamb show, but the same animal cannot be shown in both breeding/wether show and market show.

## MARKET LAMBS

1. Lambs will be weighed and divided into equal as possible weight classes by breed. Lambs will be classified by a classification committee member at the time of weigh in and placed into one of the following breeds:
  - A. Fine Wool
  - B. Fine Wool Cross
  - C. Southdown
  - D. Hair Sheep
  - E. Medium Wool Cross
2. Wether dams and ewe lambs can be shown.
3. Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross and Medium Wool Cross lambs minimum weight is 80 lbs.
4. Southdown and Hair Sheep minimum weight is 60 lbs.
5. No maximum weight limit.
6. All lambs must be shown slick shorn to a uniform body length over the entire body. Top knots and boots below hock and knees may be left on lambs.

# SWINE DIVISION

## Entry Deadline:

November 15, 2025

## Superintendent:



Jason York

Arrival: January 7, 2026, 4:00 pm (or at conclusion of goat show)

Weigh in & Classification: January 7, 2026, 6:00–8:00 pm

Judging: January 8, 2026, 9:00 am (Breeding followed by Market)

## RULES

1. Showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the market swine show. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
2. Three age divisions will be judged:  
Juniors: grades 3-5  
Intermediate: grades 6-8  
Senior: grades 9-12

### BREEDING SWINE

1. All entries will be shown by weight. No minimum or maximum weight.
2. All breeding swine entries must be state validated.

### MARKET SWINE



1. Swine will be weighed and divided into equal as possible weight classes by breed. **Animals will be weighed in off the trailer at the time of arrival.**
2. Minimum weight is 150 lbs. Maximum weight is 280 lbs.
3. Large classes may be broken into two(2) equal weight classes when necessary.
4. Breeds will show in the following order (this is permanent, no rotation of order each year):  
Berkshire  
Dark OPB (Poland, Spotted Poland & Hereford)  
Duroc  
Hampshire  
White OPB (Chester & Landrace)  
Yorkshire



**Dark Crossbred**  
**Light Crossbred**



5. **For light and dark crossbreds, any pig with black markings will be placed in the dark crossbred class.**
6. Barrows or gilts may be shown in the market show.
7. All market swine entries must be ear notched and state validated.
8. Houston Livestock Show guidelines will be used for classification of breeds.

# POULTRY DIVISION

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
Yvonne Sandmann

Arrival & Check in: January 7, 2026, 8:00 am  
Judging: January 7, 2026, 9:00 am (Broilers followed by breeding)

## **RULES**

1. Showmanship contest will be held at the conclusion of the breeding show. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
2. Three age divisions will be judged:  
    Juniors: grades 3-5  
    Intermediate: grades 6-8  
    Senior: grades 9-12

## **BREEDING POULTRY**

1. Poultry will be shown as standard or bantam
2. Males and females are eligible to be shown.
3. Breeds will be recognized according to the APA Standards of Perfection book.
4. All APA Standards of perfection rules will be followed.
5. All flocks must be inspected prior to show.

## **BROILERS**

1. All entries must come from one(1) county order. Each exhibitor must purchase a minimum of 25 birds. See order deadline information on page 6.
2. Pen will consist of three(3) broilers.

# **RABBIT DIVISION**

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
Zachary Downe

**Validation:**  
December 15, 2025, 6:00 pm @ Cooke County Fairgrounds

Arrival & Check in: January 9, 2026, 7:30 am  
Judging: January 9 2026, 8:00 am (market followed by breeding)

## **RULES**

1. Exhibitors will do their showmanship presentation throughout the market and breeding shows. There will be separate judges for rabbit showmanship. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship. Showmanship must be concluded by the end of the breeding show.
2. Three age divisions will be judged:
  - Juniors: grades 3-5
  - Intermediate: grades 6-8
  - Senior: grades 9-12

## **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. Rules and breeds of ARBA Standards of Perfection will be followed.

## **MEAT RABBITS**

1. Pens will consist of three(3) rabbits, of the same breed and variety.
2. Minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. each. Maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. each.
3. Must be ten(10) weeks or younger in age at show time.
4. Must be owned by exhibitor 30 days prior to show. Market rabbits will be validated and a tattoo will be documented. Exhibitors may validate an unlimited number but may only exhibit three(3) pens.



# SHOP DIVISION

## **Entry Deadline:**

November 15, 2025

## **Superintendent:**

Corbin Evans

Arrival: January 8 2026, 4:00-6:00 pm (large projects only)

January 9, 2026, 7:00—8:00 am (small projects)

Judging: January 9, 2026, 9:00 am

## **RULES**

1. Divisions will be: Metal, Wood, Leather Work
2. Categories will be: Small, Medium and Large in each division.
3. The division superintendent and/or judge reserve the right to reclassify projects upon arrival.
4. The shop show will follow rules as published by the San Angelo Livestock Show.
5. Students entering projects must be present at the time of judging and should submit a project documentation notebook.
6. Entries will be awarded ribbons according to the placing of the judge.
7. Showmanship will be awarded to one overall Senior, Intermediate and Junior exhibitor. Age categories are: Junior: 3-5 grade; Intermediate: 6-8 grade; Senior: 9-12 grade.
8. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each division and the class winner of each category will be eligible to sell in the premium sale.
9. Exhibitors are limited to five(5) entries in this division.
10. FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs may make group entries where several students are involved. Any premium money earned will go to the respective FFA chapter or 4-H Club.
11. Projects must be picked up by 8:00 pm on Friday, January 9, 2026, unless qualified for the premium sale.



## **SHOP DIVISION**

### **Fastest Torch Contest**

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
Corbin Evans

Check in: January 9, 2026, 11:30 am  
Contest: January 9, 2026, Noon

#### **RULES**

1. Eligible Entries: Entries and participation is limited to Cooke County FFA and 4-H members who have entered projects into the Agricultural Mechanics Contest. Please refer to the General Rules and Junior Show Rules. There is no limit to the total number of exhibitors a club or chapter may enter. Show Management reserves the right to refuse any exhibit.
2. Substitutions: No exhibitor substitutions will be allowed.
3. Contest Format: Students participating in the contest will be paired by a drawing that will randomly place participants in a bracket that will remain the same for the entire contest. Irregular numbers of students may require the bracket to include some "bye" slots be added to complete the bracket. - In each round students will light their own torch, adjust to a neutral flame, and make the cut required in that round. Regulators will be preset by contest officials. The student whose metal falls to the ground first advances to the next round and the other student will be eliminated. Any attempt to force the cut to fall by any action other than gravity (tapping with the torch tip, jarring the table, forcing with the hand, etc.) will result in that student being disqualified.
4. Safety: Safety equipment will be provided. Students choosing to use their own may do so. TWO high cuff gloves and safety glasses must be worn while cutting. Eyewear must meet minimum Z87 standards. Students will be responsible for appropriate clothing. Long pants, closed toed shoes, and a long sleeved cotton shirt are required. Judges decision on appropriate clothing will be final.
5. Equipment Issues: If judges determine that a tip is dirty, both tips will be cleaned by contest officials prior to the next round. Equipment malfunctions that cause an unfair advantage to one contestant may result in a "re-run" if judges deem it appropriate.
6. Material: Metal to be cut will be provided by the contest. Preliminary rounds will cut flat metal, approximately 4" wide and approximately 3/8" thick. As the contest progresses contestants will be expected to make cuts on pipe, angle iron, channel iron, etc. Piercing cuts may be required in later rounds. At no point will metal to be cut exceed 1/2" in thickness.
7. Prior to making their cuts students will be permitted to arrange metal, hoses, and strikers on their worktable for their own comfort. Judges will announce "go" to begin cuts in each round. Cut lines will be pre-marked by the judges. 9. If during the contest a student is called for and is not present for their turn, they will be eliminated and the competitor in that round will advance. 10. Decisions of the contest officials, as they pertain to safety and contest, are final

# EQUINE DIVISION

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
Hannah Gilmore

Horse Show will be held at Cooke County Cowboy Church, 8207 US HWY 82 in Gainesville.

Check in: December 14, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Show: December 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

## RULES

1. There is a \$12.00 entry fee per class as listed.

1- Mares (Halter)	9- Jr. Ranch Horsemanship	17- Jr. Ranch Trail	25- Jr. Barrels
2- Geldings (Halter)	10- Sr. Ranch Horsemanship	18- Sr. Ranch Trail	26- Sr. Barrels
3- Jr. Showmanship	11- Jr. Western Pleasure	19- Jr. Hunter Showmanship	27- Jr. Poles
4- Sr. Showmanship	12- Sr. Western Pleasure	20- Sr. Hunter Showmanship	28- Sr. Poles
5- Jr. Ranch Showmanship	13- Jr. Ranch Pleasure	21- Jr. Hunter Under Saddle	29- Jr. Stakes
6- Sr. Ranch Showmanship	14- Sr. Ranch Pleasure	22- Sr. Hunter Under Saddle	30- Sr. Stakes
7- Jr. Horsemanship	15- Jr. Trail	23- Jr. Hunt Seat Equitation	
8- Sr. Horsemanship	16- Sr. Trail	24- Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation	

2. Junior exhibitors are 13 and under. Senior exhibitors are 14 and over (on the day of the show)
3. A horse may enter only one time per class. Exhibitors may add a class on the day of the show (\$35 late fee will apply), but not a new horse entry.
4. Exhibitors may enter more than 1 horse in the speed division. No other divisions.
5. If you are a horse owner, the horse must be owned solely by the exhibitor, his/her parents (biological or stepparents), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardians by the entry deadline. Proof of ownership must be presented the day of the show.
6. For grade horses, the grade horse description papers must be presented the day of the show.
7. For leased horses, the official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner and county extension agent. The lease must include, at minimum, a lease starting before October 1st of the current year. Proof of lease must be presented the day of the show.
8. Pursuant to state 4-H rules, appropriate attire must be worn. The horse show will abide by state 4-H rules as governing rules.
9. Current Coggins papers will be checked upon arrival.
10. Patterns will be posted the day of the show. If a student provides a valid email, they may be given the patterns the week before the show. Showmanship class will be used in the event of a tie. Barrels will be the tiebreaker for speed events.
11. Exhibitors cannot cross enter from Western into Ranch classes but may cross enter a Western or Ranch horse into English classes.
12. Points for all around will be given based on class size: example- 5 horses in classes = 1st (5), 2nd (4), 3rd (3), 4th (2), 5th (1), etc. High point overall in Senior and Junior divisions will be calculated as one horse/one rider. Exhibitor must show in one showmanship class and at least 3 performance classes. Points will be calculated across the following divisions: Western, English, Speed or Ranch, English, Speed.

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE SHOW

**Entry Deadline:**  
November 15, 2025

**Superintendent:**  
Katy Smith

**NEW** Arrival: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Judging, Thursday January 8, 2026, 9 a.m.

Viewing Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Entry Pick up: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6 to 7 p.m.

**\*\*\*FCS SHOW WILL BE HELD AT\*NCTC FIELD HOUSE\*\*\***

**1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX 76240**

The Family and Consumer Science Show of the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show is open to youth enrolled for the school year in a Cooke County school and is an active Cooke County 4-H club, FFA Chapter, or Cooke County FCCLA member enrolled for the club year. There are two age divisions: Jr. 3rd-8th grade and Sr. 9th-12th grade.

## GENERAL RULES

1. All entries must be made entirely by the exhibitor since the 2025 CCJLS.
2. Any entry submitted in an incorrect class will be moved to the correct class within the same division at the Superintendent's or judge's decision.
3. Entries must be submitted online through the CCJLS website.
4. Entry fees are \$8.00 per item.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in any class and no more than ten (10) entries total in the Family and Consumer Science show.
6. No Visible signatures, names, or identifying marks on any entries.
7. All participants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons depending on the quality of the project.
8. A Class Champion and Reserve Class Champion will be selected from the blue ribbons of each class.
9. The overall division Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Age Division Champions.
11. The FCS Superintendent reserves the right to divide classes into more manageable numbers.
12. All decisions of the judges will be final.
13. This event does not require school absence; parents, teachers, or leaders may turn in entries.
- NEW** 14. The Overall Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will make the premium sale. There will be a total of 12 FCS Show entries eligible for the sale. Participants in the food division must bring a fresh make of their food item. All qualifying sale exhibitors must be present at the sale. Only one entry per person can be sold in the premium sale. Participants must choose which item they would like to sell by 2 pm Friday, January 9, 2026. (This is to allow the third-place winner of the division to be notified and prepare another food product if necessary.)
16. Teachers, agents, and parents are NOT allowed in the judging area before or during judging.
- NEW** 17. All remaining Food Senior and Junior Division entries not selected as the overall Grand or Reserve Champion will be in a silent auction on Saturday, January 10, 2026. See premium sale section for details.

## FOODS DIVISION

1. All entries will use [Recipeformatter.com](http://Recipeformatter.com) to type the recipe so that all food entries are uniform. Once the information is typed, click "View PDF" and print the recipe on a 8.5"x11" PLAIN WHITE sheet of paper. DO NOT include the participant's name on the front of the paper. The complete recipe must be submitted with the entry. Example: cake and frosting, pie crust and filling, cookies and glazes. A link to [recipeformatter.com](http://recipeformatter.com) will be on the CCJLS website.
2. All entries, including frosting, will be made from scratch except for Creative Cakes Class.
3. ENTRIES THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This includes Cool Whip, whipped cream, cream pies, cheesecake, and custards.
4. Entries may be garnished or decorated; however, any decorated cake will be moved to FOOD ART. All garnishes and decorations must be edible. NO FRESH OR CANNED FRUITS AS GARNISH IN ANY FOODS CLASS.
5. All food items must be contained in a disposable container. These can be purchased wherever you choose but, for your convenience can also be purchased through the Cooke County AgriLife Extension Office. Muffin/Cupcake containers \$1 and cake containers for \$2. Cakes should be in a 9 x 13 foil pan with a clear plastic lid. No cake stands, boxes or cake carriers will be allowed.



10" W x 5.24" H \$2.00



6 Cupcakes/Muffins \$1.00

6. The food division will be divided into 4 subcategories based on relevance. Each subcategory's Champion and Reserve Champion will be judged for overall Grand and Reserve Champion.

### FOOD SUBCATEGORY CLASSES

#### **COOKIES**

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies- Present 6 in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate 9" plate.
2. Drop Cookies- Cookies made by dropping batter from a spoon onto a cookie sheet for baking. Present 6 in a gallon baggie on a disposable 9" plate.
- NEW** 3. Sliced, Shaped or Rolled Cookies—A. Sliced Cookies are a type of cookie formed into a log that can be cut into individual rounds and placed on a baking sheet. B. Shaped Cookies are shaped by hand or in a mold. C. Rolled Cookies are a type of cookie dough rolled out thinly with a rolling pin and cut into various shapes using cookie cutters. For presentation, have 6 cookies in a gallon baggie on a disposable 9" plate.
4. Bar cookie- Made from a batter or stiff dough that is poured or pressed into a baking pan or baking dish, then baked, cooled and cut into bars, squares or diamonds. Present 6 in a gallon baggie on a disposable 9" plate.

#### **CAKES—refer to Rule #5 under Foods Division for Presentation**

5. Scratch Cake- Single-layer cake and frosting are from scratch.
6. Scratch cake- Multi-layer cake and frosting are from scratch.
7. Creative cake- Cakes made with a mix with ingredients added other than listed on the box. Frosting is not required.
8. Cupcakes- 6 standard size frosted cupcakes
- NEW** 9. Pound Cake, Coffee or Bundt Cake baked in a pan or loaf.

### **BREADS—refer to Rule #5 under Foods Division for Presentation**

10. Quick Breads- Loaf- Standard loaf size, no mini loaves
11. Quick Breads- Muffins - 6 standard size muffins.
12. Yeast Breads-Loaf - No bread machines or mixes allowed. Standard loaf size, no mini loaves
- NEW** 13. Artisan Bread, specialty bread, no pan required.
14. Yeast Breads-Rolls- Present 6 standard size rolls.
15. Yeast Breads- Sweet Rolls- Present 6 standard size rolls
16. Biscuits/ Scones– 6 biscuits/scones.

### **SWEET & SAVORY**

Jellies/jams, pickles/relish and salsa must have been preserved since 2025 CCJLS. Project must be in half-pint or pint standard canning jars with properly sealed lids.

- NEW** 17. Traditional Apple Pie—Double crust and filling must be made from scratch. Glass pan may be used with the understanding that the pan will not be returned unless the participant picks up the pie. No cobblers will be accepted.
- NEW** 18. Homemade Candy—Present 12 pieces.
19. Jellies/Jams—Present 2 jars per entry.
20. Pickles/Relish—Present 2 jars per entry.
21. Salsa—Present 2 jars per entry.
22. Dehydrated Food—Present 12 slices/pieces.

## **CLOTHING DIVISION**

1. Each garment must be clean and pressed. ALL SEAMS MUST BE FINISHED IN SOME MANNER. Garments should be free of rips and tears, in excellent wearing condition, and completely finished.
2. Garment must be on a hanger or a dress form.
3. Garment will be judged on coordination of fabric to pattern construction technique (hand and machine work), appropriateness of buttons, trims, etc. to the garment and difficulty of project.
4. Exhibitor may not enter two similar garments.
5. Garments are for people only, no doll garments attached to garment or accessories. (i.e. potholders, etc.)

### **CLASSES**

1. Skirt or Skort
2. Shorts or Pants- Garment must at least one of the following: a yolk, waistband, or a zipper
3. Pajama Shorts/Pants
4. Blouse or Shirt
5. Dress- Casual
6. Dress- Semi-formal-Party Dress, Pants Suit, Cocktail Dress
7. Dress- Formal- Prom Dress, Wedding Attire, Gala Attire (floor length)
8. Apron
9. Recycle/Redesign- Changing an existing garment to make it suitable for more wear. Must have machine and/or hand stitches. STORY CARD MUST BE PROVIDED.
- NEW** 10. Recycle/redesign—changing an existing garment to make it suitable for another wearable purpose.

## TEXTILES DIVISION

1. Each entry should be clean and free from wrinkles. Seams should be finished on sewn items. Entry should be free of rips and tears, in excellent condition, and completely finished.
2. Entries will be judged on construction technique or stitching, appropriateness of embellishments to entry, and difficulty of project.
- NEW** 3. Textiles are materials made from woven or knitted fibers, not leather, pleather or plastic.

### CLASSES

1. Needlework– Knitting, crochet, or Afghan
2. Needlework—Counted Cross stitch, needlepoint embroidery, candle wicking
3. Pillowcase/Pillow Sham
4. Machine Quilting- Entry must have surface machine stitching. Minimum size is 35"x 40". Must have top layer, batting, backing and bound edges. Quilting must be done by machine.
5. Hand Quilt- Entry must have surface hand stitching. Minimum size is 35"x 40". Must have top layer, batting, backing and bound edges. Quilting must be done by hand.
6. Handcrafted Decorative Pillow
7. Stuffed Animal or Doll
- NEW** 8. Decorated Clothing—must use purchased base and add embellishments.

## CREATIVE ARTS DIVISION

1. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- NEW** 2. All entries (classes 1-13) must include a story card. Scan the QR code below for story card information.



### CLASSES

1. Fleece- Hand-tied items, blankets, pillows, etc. Must be clean with no rips or tears.
2. Housing accessories- picture frame, wastebasket, rug, wall hanging
3. Wreath and Flower Arrangements—Artificial Flowers Only
4. 3-D Project Display- Diorama, school history project, interior design- non food items. No project larger than 24" x 24" x 24" will be accepted.
5. Food Art- All visible decorations and embellishments will be of food grade. This is judged only on decoration. The base does not need to be edible. (participants may use a box or Styrofoam base if they so choose)
6. Lego Builds—base must not exceed 18" x 24" and must be on a tray or suitable surface. Kits allowed.
7. Jewelry—at drop off, must be displayed to judge.
8. Trash to treasure Small Projects– No project larger than 18" x 18" x 18"
9. Trash to Treasure Large Projects—Must be carried in by hand or on a hand truck/dolly larger than 18" x 18" x 18"
10. Holiday Themed Décor
- NEW** 11. Dollar "item" Do Over—get an approved item from a "dollar store" and add your creative twist. Over 50% of the original item must be visible with your final product. Receipt must be provided. Additional supplies must be under \$20. Approved item for 2026 is a Mini Janga Set.
12. Woodcraft-Small kits or wood burning. No project larger than 18"x18"x18" will be accepted.
13. Diamond Painting—A mosaic craft that combines cross-stitching and paint-by-number. Small, colored stones, cut like diamonds are placed on a painted and self-adhesive canvas to create a beautiful and sparkling work of art.

# PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

1. Photo must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Photographs must be 8"x10"
3. Photographs must be flush mounted on foam board not to exceed ¼" thick (no borders around pictures)
4. The theme for the 2026 CCJLS is "**Patriotism**"
5. Black and White photos belong in the Enhanced class.
6. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent.

## CLASSES

1. Animals– Domestic Pets: Photos focusing on the various animals that live with people. Dogs, cats, hamsters, etc.
2. Animals–Domestic Barnyard: Focus is on the various animals that live in harmony with people. Chickens, cows, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. (All waterfowl: ducks and geese should be entered I Animals–Wildlife) *To be considered Domesticated, animals must have been under human control for generations, leading to behavior and life cycles being altered from their wild ancestors. Animals that have been tamed & kept by humans as a work animal, food sources or pets.*
3. Animals- Wildlife: focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.
4. Details and Macro- pictures of small details that suggest a larger story; Ex: clocks, coins, ice crystals, insects, stamps, etc.
5. Elements of design: images use of graphic elements of design; photos that showcase line, shape pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc.; photo can consist of any subject matter NOT ALLOWED: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign, or Illustrator
6. Enhanced: any photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Black and White and other variations are allowed as well. Enhancement refers to altering reality to a point that no longer resembles the original image. An enhanced image lacks something that existed in the original or has something added that was not part of the original. \*\*\*Must enter both photos—original and enhanced
7. Food: category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items as advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks NOT ALLOWED: photos of alcoholic beverages
8. Sunrise/Sunset: The focus is sunrise or sunset in any scene focusing on the beauty of the outdoors.
9. Landscapes: The focus is on landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, seascapes and farms focusing on the beauty of the outdoors.
10. Cityscapes: The focus is on capturing city/urban scenes, including whole city skylines, building and panoramas within the city.
11. Night: photos that capture objects in or against the night sky; photos can include objects such as buildings, landscape features, people, light trails, etc. seen at night; Objects seen in the night sky such as stars and planets are also acceptable; the use of a telescope is permitted; NOT ALLOWED: Sunset and sunrise photos.




12. People: Photos focus from all walks of life. Show people in all situations, such as daily life, street photography, traditions, portraits, people at work and social events. The main focus must be human.
13. Plant/flora: Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/floral should be entered in the Landscape Class (#9).
14. Theme – **Patriotism**: Photographs that capture the symbolism, ceremonies and landscapes that embody the spirit of our country, from flag displays and national monuments to patriotic events and celebrations.

## ART DIVISION

1. Artwork must be mounted, framed, or matted in concept and design and solely the work of the exhibitor. Seal your work to prevent smudging.
2. No artwork shall exceed 18" x 24" for all classes.
3. (optional) Please bring an easel to display your art.

### CLASSES

1. Drawing- Black and white media. Applied to a single color background. Charcoal, black ballpoint pen, calligraphy pens, sharpie, bland or white pastel, Conté, bland and white scratchboard, graphite. Category excludes portraiture.
2. Drawing- Color media. Applied to a single color background. Markers, colored pencils color ballpoint pen, crayon, multicolored scratchboard, pastels, Conté. Category excludes portraiture.
3. Portraiture- portraits in any medium. These can be self portraits or portraits in general.
4. Opaque painting- oil, acrylic, gouache and any other liquid substance on a flat surface.
5. Transparent painting- watercolor, in wash and any other liquid substance on a flat surface.
-  6. Mix Media- 2D and 3D Artwork- 2D is flat on 1 side for standing or hanging, can be viewed from 1 side only. 3D is viewed from all sides.



## SILENT AUCTION

Food Division subcategory class champions not qualifying for the premium sale will sell in the silent auction. This will include entries from Cookies, Cakes, Breads and Sweet/Savory. Exhibitors will be required to prepare a fresh bake of their entry for the silent auction. All premium sale rules apply to any qualifying silent auction exhibitor (*See Premium Sale rule section of this rule book.*) Lower placing entries will not be moved up into the silent auction if a qualifying exhibitor chooses to withdraw their entry. Exhibitors may only have one item in either the silent auction or the premium sale.

# HORTICULTURE SHOW

Validation Deadline: November 18, 2025 (Plants only)

Entry Deadline: November 15, 2024

Superintendent: Rhonda Smithson



Arrival: January 7, 2026, 9:00 am—1:00 pm



Judging: January 7, 2026, 3:00 pm

Viewing: January 8, 2026, 4:00—6:00 pm

Release: January 8, 2026, 6:00 pm—7:00 PM

**\*\*\*HORTICULTURE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT NCTC LION FIELD HOUSE\*\*\*  
1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX 76240**

## General Rules

1. Entries are subject to all general rules.
-  2. **Unless stated in class descriptions**, maximum display area for plants and floral arrangements is 24" length and/or 24" width to be exhibited on a tabletop.
3. The building will be closed during the judging and will not re-open until Thursday afternoon, January 8 at 4:00 p.m. Results will be available upon re-opening of building. Entries for all departments will be released Thursday between 6:00—7:00 pm. **ITEMS NOT PICKED UP WILL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show**
-  4. Placing Ribbons will be given for each class. First place of each class will be judged for Grand for each division. **2nd place of the class where the grand was chosen will move up to be judged for Reserve of each division, with the remaining first place entries that were not selected as Grand.**
5. Grand and Reserve Champions of each division will sell in the premium sale for a total of four (4) qualifying sale slots.

## PLANT DIVISION

1. The Validation plant is the same plant at Show. Entry class at Validation is the same class at Show.
2. All plants must be living. No artificial plants will be accepted.
3. All entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor on or before Validation date.
4. Entries will be photographed at Validation. You do not need to bring a photo with you.
5. All entries must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
6. All plants should be watered prior to check in.
7. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show.
8. Plants may be repotted after check in to compensate for growth, unless stated in class description.

## **Classes**

1. Foliage—one plant species per container
2. Flowering
3. Succulents
4. Container Gardens - (multiple plant species) MUST be in same container at Validation for Show.
5. Terrarium - (one or more plant species) MUST be in same container at Validation for Show.
6. Seed / Cutting - a plant started from seed or a cutting between August 1 of current year and validation date. Must be in soil / medium at validation.

## **Plant Department judging criteria**

Judging is done by independent horticulture specialists. Plants are scored on the following qualities:

1. Pot size appropriate for plant(s)
2. Potting medium (soil) appropriate for plant
3. Maintained moisture – not over or under watered
4. Plant shows growth
5. Form and Fullness – symmetry, pleasing spacing, vigorous foliage
6. Condition - free of insect, mechanical, weather, or other damage
7. Grooming - removed spent blooms, browning leaves, or pinched if needed
8. Color - true to variety and age
9. Maturity – not past prime. Blooming or fruiting, if appropriate
10. Distinctiveness – the unique nature of the plant or difficulty of care

# **FLORAL DESIGN DIVISION**

Validation: **No validation required**

1. All flowers and plant materials must be fresh. Foliage and accents such as branches, grains, and plumes must be natural (organic). No artificial flowers or foliage will be accepted.
2. Oasis, floral tape, putty, wiring, etc. are not required, but may be used to secure arrangements.
3. All entries must be designed and prepared by the exhibitor.

## **Classes**

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1. Vase Arrangement—Arrangement in any container/vase without aid.
2. Arrangement in any container/vase with aid. Examples: oasis, tape, chicken wire, anything used for a frog that's not natural/organic.
3. Monochromatic Arrangement – one floral color. Optional foliage may be a different color.
4. Holiday themed arrangement
5. Dried Florals
6. Wearable, examples: corsage, wristlet, boutonniere, head piece or anything a person would wear or pin on.
7. Sculpture. Anything can be used for mechanical/base part, but it must be entirely covered with florals. Fresh or dried can be used but must be natural/organic. Sculpture must fit in a 36" x 24" space. It can be freestanding on the floor or placed on a table.

**Floral Department judging criteria**

Floral Arrangements are scored on the following qualities:

1. Condition - flowers and foliage are fresh, at ideal degree of development
2. Colors are bright, clear, and attractive
3. Proportion - container and flowers are in good proportion
4. Rhythm - eye moves smoothly through arrangement
5. Spacing - clearly shows specimens
6. Harmony - component parts blend well
7. Balance - well weighted balance of flowers and other specimens
8. Contrast - interest from textures, color contrast, size variation, or bloom stages
9. Design - achieves overall interest
10. Distinctiveness--the unique nature of the arrangement or difficulty creating



# ARCHERY CONTEST

Entry Deadline: November 15, 2025

Superintendent: Chad Trammell

Check-in: January 4, 2026, 1:00 pm

Contest: January 4, 2026, 2:00 pm

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this contest shall be subject to and each contestant agrees to abide by the General and Youth Rules and Regulations of the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show as published in this exhibitor handbook and the following special rules. United States Olympic Archery governing body and the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) rules will apply with some modifications to meet the objectives of the program or to increase the success rates of youth participating in the program. In this event, Texas 4-H rules and regulations supersede all other rules where differences exist. Contestants, as well as coaches and parents, are encouraged to be familiar with these rules and those of related archery governing bodies.
  - <https://www.usarchery.org>
  - <https://www.naspschools.org/>
  - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** Each contestant's supervising CEA/AST will be held responsible for ensuring the contestant is currently shooting under the direction of a certified coach. Entry applicants not participating in a program under the direction of a certified coach will not be permitted to compete. Entry fee will be \$20. Late entries after the entry deadline will be allowed at 3x the entry fee.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Entries in this division are limited to Cooke County FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members. Contestants must be eligible for competition in accordance with House Bill 72(no pass, no play). Each contestant is required to return a Youth Liability and Indemnity Form.
4. **AGE DIVISIONS:** (as of September 1)
  - a. JUNIOR: at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, but no more than 8th grade.
  - b. SENIOR: must be in at least the 9th grade, but not older than 19 and in the 12th grade.
5. **DRESS CODE:** Each contestant will be required to have a shirt with sleeves (long or short), jeans and close toed shoes.
6. **CONTEST FORMAT:**
  - a. **TARGETS:** This contest will consist of 48 arrows shot at the 40 cm five color face. Targets will be shot at 8 rounds of 6 shots each. Target assignments will be given at check-in.
  - b. **CLASSES:** Contestants will compete in one of the below classes based upon what bow they will be shooting with. Each contestant will be allowed to enter only one bow class.
    - Compound Aided (No bows may be equipped with magnified sights. Mechanical Releases and stabilizers are permitted. No laser or holographic sights are permitted)
    - NASP (Genesis bows with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are NOT permitted.)
  - c. **CONTEST PREPARATION:** All equipment must be inspected at the time of check in and before orientation. NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS! Orientation and Safety Brief is mandatory for everyone who will participate in the event.
  - d. **TOURNAMENT:** The tournament will begin promptly after the conclusion of orientation.
  - e. **CONTEST STRUCTURE:**
    - Juniors will shoot eight ends of six arrows each at 15 yards.
    - Seniors will shoot eight ends of six arrows each at 20 yards.

- f. TIME LIMITS: Each shooting round will be limited to 4 minutes.
7. EQUIPMENT:
- a. Contestants must provide their own bows, arrows & quivers. All outside bows must remain cased on the Fairgrounds until equipment inspection. All bows provided to 4-H members by Shooting Sports Club will be on site. Absolutely no sky drawing is allowed, no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced. Any contestants seen sky drawing will be immediately disqualified. All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show does not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Cooke County Junior Livestock Show is not responsible for the acts of a third party.
  - b. Arrows shall have a diameter no larger than 23/64 of an inch maximum. All arrows shall be equipped with field tips only.
8. RANGE SAFETY: The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any contestant failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and immediately addressed. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event.
9. FIELD & RANGE BOUNDARIES: For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around the range is essential. Only appointed screened officials will be allowed in the contest area once competition begins.
10. CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS:
- Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during competition.
  - If any contestant, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows disrespect to them, to the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
  - Participants are required to dress appropriately. Contestants must wear a shirt with sleeves, long pants, and fully enclosed shoes must be worn. Failure to adhere to the dress code the contestant will be disqualified.
11. COACHING: A participant may not be coached while on the shooting line. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the contestant; verbal or non-verbal. The contestant may request assistance from the range safety officer and the range officer may assign an assistant.
12. SCORING: The double scoring system will be used. All participants will be involved in score keeping. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. Contestant should be familiar with the double scoring system, and able to complete the scoring process without assistance. Any question regarding an arrow's score can be directed toward a range official. Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, team, or individual. In the event of a scoring tie the first tie breaker will be based upon the number of bullseye (X) achieved. Secondary tie breaker is the number of "10s" followed by "9's" and continually down until a distinction is made. In the event of an absolute tie, then a shoot-off will be conducted.
13. APPEAL/PROTEST: A contestant may appeal a ruling on the field immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a call. The scorer may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the field is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted. Contestants may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other contestants. Such conditions must be reported to the field referee immediately.
14. RESULTS: The contest results, as announced, will be final.
15. AWARDS: Awards not picked up during presentation will be available in the County Extension Office after the duration of the Fair. No awards will be mailed at the expense of the Fair.

# PREMIUM SALE

Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Noon

All sale lots will be sold for premium only and retained by the exhibitor. Food Division Exhibitors must prepare a fresh entry which will be presented to the buyer. No animals or projects will exchange ownership and the buyer recognizes that they are bidding on the auction lot only.

## Sale Order

Grand Champion Steer, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Pen of Rabbits, Pen of Broilers, Metal Shop, Wood Shop, Leather Work, Food, Clothing, Textile, Creative Arts, Photography, Art, Horticulture followed by the Reserve Champions of each of these species/divisions.

Followed by:

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
25% of Steers	25% of Steers	25% of Steers	25% of Steers
25% of Swine	25% of Swine	25% of Swine	25% of Swine
25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs
25% of Goats	25% of Goats	25% of Goats	25% of Goats
25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits
25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers

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1. 45% of **animals weighed-in/checked-in** for each species will sell.
2. Swine will sell using a predetermined percentage based on the number of animals in each breed. After breed champion and reserve, the order will be selected from heaviest class to lightest class.
3. Sheep, goats, and steers will be selected using a sale order. After grand and reserve champion, all first in class animals will automatically be selected from heaviest class to lightest class. All other sale slots will be selected by the judge using a sale order system.
4. Rabbits and broilers will be selected in the order they were placed.
5. Each class winner in the shop and Horticulture show will make the sale.
6. Bids will not be re-opened on any sale lot.
7. Each exhibitor must select only one project to go through the Premium Sale. Animals must be sold in sale order by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must be present by 11:00 am for the sale unless an exception has already been granted by the grievance committee.

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8. All Division Grand and Reserve Champions in the FCS Show will be eligible to sell for a total of 12 qualifying entries. Any FCS division entries that move up into the sale (due to an exhibitor having multiple champions) will sell in the round of the sale, based on their placing. An entry must be an overall Grand or Reserve Champion to sell with the other Champions in the sale order.
9. Any exhibitor not making the sale will be eligible for add-on money. This includes ALL divisions of the show.
10. All sale animals will return to the fairgrounds on the day of the sale to be present during the auction, weather permitting.
11. Grand and Reserve Champion of all breeding divisions, as well as Jr and Sr Grand and Reserve High Point in the equine show and Archery contest, will be recognized at the premium auction.
12. All sale qualifying entries will be charged \$8 (to be deducted from premium sale check) for an 8" x 10" backdrop photo from the show's official photographer—Jeffries Livestock Marketing.

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13. There will be a 3% commission charged to all premium & silent auction sale lots. This amount will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium sale check. Add on money will also be subject to the 3% commission charge. Funds will go towards covering expenses and operation of the show and sale.

## ADD-ON GUIDELINES

An add-on is a sum of money donated by an individual, business, agency, or organization to the youth seller (exhibitor). The donor does not buy the youth's project; however they do wish to donate a sum of money to the youth to acknowledge their hard work and efforts put forth in their project. Add-ons can be submitted on the day of the premium sale. Additionally, the **final add-on deadline is January 31, 2026**. Add-ons payments can be dropped off at the Cooke County AgriLife Extension office located at 301 S. Chestnut St. Gainesville, TX or mailed to:

Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show  
PO Box 83  
Era, TX 76238

## EXHIBITOR PHOTO

All exhibitors are encouraged to be present for the United Way group photo which will be taken at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

## SHOW LOCATIONS

The Cooke County Fairgrounds will be home to the 2026 Cooke County Junior Livestock Show. All livestock competitions along with shop division contests will be held at this location. FCS and Horticulture shows will be held at NCTC Lion Field House. The Premium Sale will also be held at the Fairgrounds. Please check our Facebook page and website for information about the show, updates and results.

### **Livestock, Shop and Archery Contest Location:**

Cooke County Fairgrounds  
1901 Justice Center Blvd.  
Gainesville, TX 76240

### **FCS & Horticulture Show Location:**

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE LION FIELD HOUSE  
1525 W California St.  
Gainesville, TX 76240

### **Equine Show Location:**

Cooke County Cowboy Church  
8207 US HWY 82  
Gainesville, TX 76240

**Website:** <https://www.ccjls.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/cookecountyjrlivestockshow/>