

2027



RULE BOOK

Baytown Youth Fair and Livestock Association

2026 - 2027

Board of Directors

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Officers

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Please email baytownyouthfair@gmail.com to contact any of the officers.

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Schedule of Events

Oct 19, 2026	Turkey Validation	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Dec 13, 2026	Broiler, Lamb, Goat, Swine, Steer, and Indoor Exhibits Tag In	1:00 – 2:00 pm at the School Barn 3:00 – 4:00 pm at the fairgrounds
Feb 28	Rabbit Tattoo and Ag Mechanics Tag In	2:00 – 3:00 pm
March 29	Check-In Market & Fryer Rabbits	4:30 – 5:30 pm
	Judge Market Rabbits	5:30 pm
	Check-In Market Steers, Market Swine, Market Goats & Market Lambs	4:00 – 5:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm
	Sift then Judge Broilers	7:00 pm or following rabbit show if it ends after 7:00
	Sift then Judge Turkeys – immediately following the Broiler Show	
	Raffle Tickets due in the office before	8:00 pm
	Exhibitor Check-In in the office before	9:30 pm
	Scramble Essays due	9:00 pm
March 30	Check-In Indoor Exhibits	2:30 – 5:30 pm
	Judge Indoor Exhibits	6:00 pm
	Judge Market Lambs	6:00 pm
	Lamb Showmanship	
	Judge Market Goats immediately following Lambs	
	Goat Showmanship	
March 31	Check-In Ag-Mechanics	7:00 – 9:00 am
	Judge Ag-Mechanics	9:30 am
	Judge Market Swine	6:00 pm
	Swine Showmanship	
April 1	Judge Market Steers	5:00 pm
	Steer Showmanship	
	Special Unified Lamb/Goat Showmanship	
	Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	8:00 pm
April 2	Buyer Reception	5:00 pm
	Award & Scholarship Ceremony	5:15 pm
	Live Auction	6:00 pm
April 3	Mandatory “Clean-up” for all Exhibitors	1:00 pm
June 5	End of the Year Party	11:00 am – 2:00 pm

General Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

1. Eligibility will be determined per GCCISD guidelines. No pass, No play. This includes the exhibitor as well as their projects. The exhibitor must be a current member of a GCCISD FFA, Cedar Bayou 4-H, or Highlands 4-H and live in or attend school within the boundaries of GCCISD.
2. Substitute: A substitute exhibitor may be used, at the sole discretion of the BYF Board, under the following conditions:
 - A. When an exhibitor is participating in a UIL event as a representative of their school, as certified by a letter from the principal or UIL event sponsor (i.e., director, coach, etc.) or
 - B. When an exhibitor is sick or injured (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a medical doctor). If a positive decision is made, the substitute must be from the same club or chapter as the original exhibitor if such a member is present. The substitute must meet all the requirements like any other exhibitor.
3. The substitute request, except for illness, must be emailed to baytownyouthfair@gmail.com prior to move in on Monday, March 29, 2027.
4. Each Exhibitor, FFA Teacher and/or 4-H Leader is required to email a copy of their eligibility form to baytownyouthfair@gmail.com no later than Thursday March 25, 2027.

Entry Requirements

1. All entries will be entered and paid for online at baytown.fairwire.com. Payment can be made either online at time of registration with a 4% convenience fee that will be added to all online payments, or in person with exact cash or via VENMO, at tag-in. \$150.00 late registration will be accepted per entry. Late registration does not include the day of tag-in.

For late registration contact the BYF secretary via email at baytownyouthfair@gmail.com.

Please read all instructions regarding your entries. Entries for each species and orders for turkeys and broilers are due by the following:

Division	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline
Turkeys	October 10, 2026	October 17, 2026
Broilers	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Steers	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Lambs	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Goats	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Swine	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Indoor Exhibits	December 5, 2026	December 12, 2026
Ag Mechanics	February 20, 2027	February 27, 2027
Rabbits	February 20, 2027	February 27, 2027

Validation, entry guidelines, and times are listed on each division rule page.

2. BYF entries must be completed, and a BYF **Rule Book Acknowledgement and Ethics form** must be signed by both the Exhibitor and the Parent/Guardian/Adult responsible for registration at tag-in.
3. All exhibits can be tagged as family, including alternates. Exhibitors may tag as many of each species as they wish; however, only one species may be checked in on Monday, March 29, 2027, for fair. During tag-in, a photograph may be taken of each animal and its corresponding tag to be used for a visual comparison by Directors for identification purposes. Additionally, the exhibitor, parent, legal guardian, or designated representative may be photographed with the animal during this process. Each exhibitor must own a project at tag-in.

4. If an animal, excluding poultry and rabbits, dies within seven days after tag-in, the exhibitor may tag a replacement if an alternate has not been designated. The appropriate Chairman must be notified immediately, and the replacement animal must be tagged within seven days after notification. There will be no other replacements allowed.

Exhibitor Responsibility

1. If the exhibitor cannot be present at Tag-In, a parent/guardian/representative may attend Tag-In in place of the exhibitor.
2. All entries should be free of disease and are subject to veterinarian and/ or Livestock Chairman Inspection at any time after tag-in. Proper location of the project to be provided at time of tag-in.
3. Market livestock must be owned, cared for, and fed by exhibitors within the boundaries of GCCISD, unless prior approval is given by the Board of Directors.
4. Areas including but not limited to the stalling areas, camps, common areas, and parking lots must always be kept clean and are subject to inspection.
5. Each exhibitor is required to clean up their barn area and must have a signed release from a Chairman or BYF Board member. Any exhibitor not participating in the mandatory clean-up will be assessed a \$100.00 clean-up fee if you do not sign in and out. This fee will be deducted from any monies due to the exhibitor or must be paid prior to the upcoming year tag-in. In the case the exhibitor cannot attend the mandatory clean-up, a representative, 1 per exhibitor, may represent the exhibitor during clean-up.
6. All exhibitors and/or Parent/Legal Guardian/Adult responsible for registration must attend a mandatory meeting under the barn on Thursday, April 1st at 8:00 pm. There is a \$100.00 fine for not attending.
7. All "Thank-you" notes for awards must be handwritten by the exhibitor and turned into the Office by 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 1st.
8. An individual's conduct as an exhibitor, show official, parent/guardian or CEA/AST should be exemplary during the show. Violators are subject to disqualification, forfeiture of eligibility to exhibit projects in show or sale, and/or removal from the grounds. All penalties are subject to the BYF Board. Violations include but are not limited to:
 - a. Rule violation
 - b. Altering, tampering, or substituting tags or bands
 - c. Disruptive or improper conduct in accordance with the GCCISD student code of conduct
 - d. Public display of profanity
 - e. Inappropriate social media posts that may (or be perceived to) negatively impact the reputation of the BYF, show officials, exhibitors, parents, sponsors, or patronsIf disqualified for any reason, exhibitor will forfeit any, and all monies received from projects, including scholarships. This rule also applies in the case that anyone violates a rule on the exhibitors' behalf. All money forfeited will become property of BYF and will be put in the scholarship fund.
9. All Grand and Reserve Champions, plus one random, are subject to drug testing. Should an animal test positive, the animal and exhibitor will be disqualified (see Drug Testing Section). In addition, the animal will be retained as property of BYF.
10. Ear tags must always be in place. Any loss of tag should be immediately reported to your Chairman and a BYF Board Member. If an animal needs to be re-tagged and that animal is not boarded at exhibitors' house, then the Livestock Chairman or his designated representative may re-tag that animal without the exhibitor or exhibitor's parent or guardian being present.
11. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to cover the Scrappie tag before entering the holding area. If any part of the scrappie tag can be seen the exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the holding area. The only tag allowed in livestock upon check-in is a Baytown Youth Fair tag. All others must be removed other than the scrappie tag. If an animal is double tagged for Baytown Youth Fair and Majors, then the exhibitor must contact Committee Chairman to retag.
12. All market animals not making the Live Auction will be placed on the "Under the Barn" list. In the event you do not wish to sell your animal, you must notify the main office immediately following the Mandatory Meeting, approximately 10:00 pm. Once the animal is removed from the list, changes cannot be made. "For Sale" signs and soliciting buyers is prohibited until the live auction is complete.

13. If an animal is purchased off the Under the Barn list, no one is allowed to contact the buyer for the purpose of exchanging, returning, or buying back the livestock. If an exhibitor or anyone on the exhibitor's behalf contacts the buyer there will be a loss of any monies and recognition earned during fair and auction.
14. All livestock, including rabbits and poultry, must be fed, and cared for by exhibitors while on the fairgrounds.
15. BYF reserves the right to clearly mark all animals following judging.
16. Each exhibitor will be required to sell a minimum of 2 raffle ticket books or buy out at face value. **All raffle tickets must be turned in by Monday, March 29th by 8:00 pm.** If the raffle ticket books are not turned in with money, the cost of the book(s) will be deducted from any monies due to exhibitor or must be paid prior to upcoming year tag-in.

Drug Testing

1. ALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS WILL BE DRUG TESTED with a minimum of one other animal per species (Lamb, Goat, Swine, Turkey, Broiler, Rabbit, and Steer). All draws will be posted prior to the show. These samples will be tested by a qualified laboratory chosen by the BYF Board in its sole discretion for any prohibited drugs and/or substances. A split sample of each animal's DNA, urine, blood and/or other body samples shall also be taken.
2. During the collection of blood, feather, fecal, hair and urine samples, the parent/guardian/adult responsible for registration must always be present unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the BYF Board (refer to Eligibility Rule #2 under General Rules & Regulations). Exhibitors found in violation of this rule are subject to disqualification.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of prohibited drugs and substances. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor, regarding drugs or substances found in an animal, is not relevant to any issue and it shall not be a defense that a third party or unknown person introduced the prohibited substance into the animal. Exhibitors shall have sole responsibility for providing security for exhibitor's animal(s) to prevent such occurrences.
4. In the event of a failed test, BYF will notify the exhibitor of the failed test and advise them at that time as to any right they might have to contest the results, and the procedure required to do so. The procedure for any contest, including the selection of the laboratory or choices of laboratories to be used for the testing of any split samples, shall be determined by the BYF Board in its sole discretion.
5. The exhibitor shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the testing of their animal's split sample. If exhibitor elects to contest, then exhibitor must, within 15 days of receiving notice of the failed test, provide BYF with written notice of their intent to contest and provide proof that exhibitor has paid the selected laboratory all costs associated with the testing of their animal's split sample. If the exhibitor fails to do either of the above, within the time provided, then exhibitor will have forever waived any right to contest.
6. BYF Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all contests relating to failed tests for prohibited drugs and/or substances or other matters and any questions or differences in regard thereto and all decisions of the BYF Board on these matters shall be final and binding. If exhibitor is found have violated BYF's rules on the use of any prohibited drugs and/or substances, exhibitor may forfeit all sale proceeds and prizes in BYF's sole discretion, and exhibitor will be subject to such penalty as BYF may order.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian to know the rules before you enter the livestock show. Also, please note, when you sign the entry form that is required for entry, you agree to have read and to abide by all rules.

Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:

To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA-approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug the day of show at BYF. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Any exhibitor found in violation of the BYF unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment, and suspension from any future participation in any BYF Livestock Show. Further, any infraction resulting in disqualification may affect scholarship eligibility.

FDA/USDA Unapproved Drug Use:

The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or the USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

FDA/USDA Approved Drug Use:

If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at BYF. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on showgrounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

Restrictions

1. "No Alcohol" allowed in the Livestock Barns or show areas except for Friday evening during the Live Auction. There will be absolutely no alcohol consumption by minors at any time.
2. No Smoking or Vaping under the barn.
3. "No Firearms" allowed on the fairgrounds at any time.
4. Exhibitors are not allowed on the grounds between 12:00 am and 5:00 am. Only board members and parents or legal guardian 21 years or older with Board approval are allowed during the listed hours. **Parent/guardian must remain in the designated parent observation area and refrain from touching or handling the animal during the observation period (12:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.). If any issues arise during the night, please notify the board member on duty.**
5. Market animals, indoor exhibits, or ag-mechanic projects may not be removed from the fairgrounds without a signed release from a Chairman or BYF Board Member. Any exhibitor removing a market animal or other exhibit before release time without prior approval will be barred from exhibiting any projects the following year.
If the project is not removed by that point, it becomes property of the BYF and disposed of as the fair deems necessary.
6. Livestock fans must be placed at least six feet from the ground. Fans on stands will not be allowed.
7. Only pellet shavings will be allowed as bedding.
8. **No animals or tack allowed on the grounds before the move-in day, Monday, March 29th at 10:00 am. Steer, Lamb/Goat and Swine Chairmen will assign pens/stalls for each club/chapter. Areas will be rotated each year.**
9. After check-in, no animals are allowed to leave the covered arena except for steers which are allowed to go to the steer tie area and steer scale. If any animal needs to leave the covered arena for any reason the exhibitor must have the approval of 2 BYF board members.
10. No pets allowed at the fairgrounds during the fair unless the animal is a service animal. The animal must have a service animal vest on.
11. The BYF Board can remove any exhibit or animal they deem unsuitable or objectionable, without furnishing reasons for the actions. Entry fees already paid may be returned to the exhibitor at the discretion of the BYF Board. The decision of the BYF Board is final and the exhibitor has no recourse.

12. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment for animals. The BYF Board reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry in accordance with Section 42.09 as defined in the TX Health and Safety code.
13. To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is not FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at BYF. Any Issues beyond any normal needs of an animal will need to be approved by BYF Board. No needles except by a licensed veterinarian accompanied by 2 BYF Board members.
14. The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture or electrical massage stimulation on show grounds, is prohibited.

Rule Changes

1. All permanent rule changes must be presented to the BYF Board of Directors via email at baytownyouthfair@gmail.com prior to the 2nd Monday in May by 11:59 pm (May 10, 2027). The request will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to August 1st.

Protest

1. Any rule violation protest must be submitted in writing, signed and hand delivered to the President and/or Board of Directors Member and accompanied with a fee of \$100.00. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. The Baytown Youth Fair Board of Directors has the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this book and arbitrarily settle all matters.

Showmanship Rules

Cattle

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Ages groups:
 - Junior..... 3rd Grade – 8th Grade
 - Senior..... 9th Grade – 12th Grade
3. *Exhibitor must show the same livestock for the showmanship show that they showed during the actual show.*

Grade determination for showmanship as of August 12, 2026.

Swine, Lambs, and Goats

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Ages groups:
 - Peewee..... 2nd Grade and under
 - Junior..... 3rd Grade – 8th Grade
 - Senior..... 9th Grade – 12th Grade
3. Exhibitor must show the same livestock for the showmanship show that they showed during the actual show, excluding Pee-wee.

Grade determination for showmanship as of August 12, 2026.

BYF Scholarship Rules

Requirements

1. A BYF Volunteer Log must be completed with a minimum of 40 hours during Freshman through Senior year.
2. A Scholarship application must be completed.
3. The recipient must be or have been an exhibitor of BYF for minimum of 2 years.
4. All applications and volunteer logs must be turned in via email at baytownyouthfair@gmail.com by Monday, March 22, 2027.

Additional Information:

1. Scholarships recipients will be announced on Friday, April 2, 2027, prior to the Fair Auction.
2. All scholarships are to be paid out within the 1st year unless approved by the Board; payments must be submitted by March 24, 2028. In order to receive payment, you must turn in a paid receipt for tuition, books, computer (to be used for college), and/or school supplies. Receipts and payment request must be sent to baytownyouthfair@gmail.com.

Live Auction Sale Rules

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Items eligible for auction will consist of the following **(to include Grand and Reserve):**
Indoor Exhibits (Grand Only for Senior Division and Junior Division) 10
Ag-Mechanics (Grand and Reserve) 4

As of show day, 50% of all market livestock, but not to exceed the following caps:

	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
Steers	10	15	Lambs	10	15
Swine	20	25	Turkeys	7	10
Goats	10	15	Rabbits	10	15
Broilers	7	10			

Note: The number of market livestock sold depends on the animals meeting the requirements of the judge.

3. All eligible entries making the live auction must sell and all sales are final.
4. Once the animal sells, you cannot alter the animal. If the animal is altered all sale monies earned will be forfeited.
5. During the auction biographies of exhibitors will only be allowed for each Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and seniors on the 1st (First) Sale lot only, using the form provided by the Baytown Youth Fair at the mandatory meeting.
6. The price of the Grand Champion, less \$5.00 will set the maximum cap for the Reserve Champion. The price of the Reserve Champion, less \$5.00 will set the maximum price on the remaining lots. The cap applies to each species, Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, Turkeys and Broilers. There is not a cap restriction for indoor exhibits or agricultural mechanics projects.
7. A commission of 8% per auction item will be deducted. This includes all add on monies and "Under the Barn" items.
8. No one will be allowed to approach a prospective buyer prior to, or after the auction for the purpose of exchanging, returning, or buying back an item purchased from the auction. This applies to the Live Auction and Under the Barn items.
9. Market rabbits, poultry, indoor exhibits, and ag-mechanics projects must be delivered to the buyer within 20 days. A signed Buyer's Release Form must be delivered to the mailbox outside of the gate at the fairgrounds within 20 days **from the end of the Fair.** (Saturday, April 24, 2027)
10. Rabbit and poultry exhibitors will be responsible for processing their animals. Poultry must be delivered to the buyer whole, with "skin on".
11. All Livestock is the responsibility of the exhibitor until the final day of the Fair, Friday, April 2, 2027.
12. Exhibitors of swine, lambs, and goats are responsible for removing tack by 10:00 pm on Thursday, April 1st from center aisles and camping areas. Only tack allowed will be in the steer barn or in enclosed pens, but not in the common areas or walkways. All steer exhibitors are responsible for removing tack by Friday evening, April 2nd, after the completion of the live auction.
13. All resale proceeds will benefit the Baytown Youth Fair Association.
14. All exhibitors are required to do a handwritten "Thank You" note to auction, "Under the Barn", and add-on buyers, and for any awards received. A "Thank You" note is required for each buyer per project. "Thank You" notes are to be placed into a stamped, properly addressed envelope to the buyer with the **exhibitor's name, P.O. Box 621, Baytown, TX 77522 in the return address.** They must be turned into the mailbox outside of the gate at the fairgrounds **by Saturday, April 24, 2027.** DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$5.00 per day per Thank you note until received. NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. Association checks will not be issued until all auction monies are collected. Checks will be payable to the exhibitor's name entered at registration.
16. **Any exhibitor not in line and ready to enter the sale ring at their scheduled time (except for back-to-back exhibits) will be passed. The exhibitor will be allowed to sell their animal after the conclusion of the Live Auction and the Resale.**

Silent Auction Sale Rules

1. Silent Auction and Ag Mechanics exhibitors must be present during the auction.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per category will go to the Silent Auction.
3. In the Food category, the exhibitor will provide a photo of the food for the silent auction instead of making a new item.
4. For Indoor Exhibits, only a Grand Champion will be selected for both the Senior Division and the Junior Division for each of the five (5) categories to go to live auction. Each category will have ten (10) Silent Auction spots, allocated evenly between age divisions, with five (5) spots designated for Senior exhibitors and five (5) spots designated for Junior exhibitors. If there are not five (5) spots for an age Division, the remaining spots will be chosen from the other age Division.
5. Places 2nd – 6th for each Senior Division and Junior Division for the Indoor Exhibits for a total of 50 projects will advance to the Silent Auction. If there are not 10 projects to advance from a Division, the remaining projects will be taken from the other Divisions using a draw system. (Not Pee-Wee) If you make live auction on a project, you cannot also make silent auction in the same category. The highest place is chosen for live or silent auction.
6. Any indoor exhibit project that does not advance to the Silent Auction or Live Auction will be allowed to be picked up beginning Wednesday at noon. If not picked up after completion of the Mandatory Meeting, Thursday, April 1st it will become the property of the Baytown Youth Fair. The Sign-out sheet must be signed before removing projects.
7. Places 3rd – 12th for each Ag Mechanics Division or a combination of both for a total of 20 projects will advance to the Silent Auction.
8. Any Agricultural Mechanics project that does not advance to the Silent Auction must be picked up following the Mandatory meeting on Thursday, April 1st.
9. All projects in the Silent or Live Auction will not be permitted to leave the Fairgrounds until the Live Auction has finished. All others must leave following the Mandatory meeting on Thursday, April 1st.

Scramble Rules

Eligibility

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All participants must complete an application through a qualifying organization.
3. Scramble Applications will be due no later than 11:59 pm, October 30, 2026, by email at byfscramble@gmail.com. Applications can be found at www.baytownyouthfair.com under forms.
4. Participants are only allowed to scramble for one species.
5. All participants must have a minor's release signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to scrambling. A notary will be available onsite at check-in, in which a parent **must** be present for the notary.
6. Applicant must scramble for his/her own project.

Check Distribution

1. Distributions will be determined by the Scramble Chairman with final approval by the Board of Directors.
2. A thank you card for your sponsor must be turned into the office by 9:00 pm Monday, March 29, 2027.
3. Checks will be distributed on April 2, 2027, prior to Auction starting, if all scramble requirements are met, in the following amounts:
Steers..... \$750.00
Lambs, Goats, & Swine..... \$400.00
4. Additional funding for the project purchased is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Requirements

1. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete the Scramble Progress report and email to their Scramble Sponsor and cc the Scramble Chairman at byfscramble@gmail.com and your AST (Agricultural Science Teacher) or 4-H leader prior to 11:59 pm on 15th of each month following tag-in; **NO EXCEPTIONS. If this report is not completed and emailed by the deadline, this will result in immediate disqualification.**
Steers: **December 15th**, January 15th, February 15th, March 15th
Small Animals: **December 15th**, January 15th, February 15th, March 15th
2. A one-page handwritten essay with a typed copy will be due into the office by 9:00 pm on Monday, March 29, 2027. The essay should reflect your experience and care for this project. Do not put your name on the handwritten essay. Winners will be announced at the mandatory meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2027. Awards will be given for the best Junior and Senior Division essay on April 2, 2027, prior to Auction starting.
3. Livestock must comply with each species' rules and be exhibited by the scramble recipient.
4. Livestock must be shown at the upcoming Baytown Youth Fair 2027.
5. Participants will scramble for small animals (pig, lamb, or goat) and large animals (steer) during the mandatory meeting on December 6, 2026. Wear appropriate athletic wear and shoes.
6. Undue roughness or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated, and the participant will be disqualified.
7. Referees will be selected by the Scramble Chairman, which may include committee members.

If Scramble Requirements are not met, the Recipient must forfeit all scramble monies awarded. Recipients will be ineligible to scramble the following year for any species.

Exception: If a livestock exhibit dies of illness and the exhibitor has earnestly sought the services of a certifiable CEA, AST, or veterinarian in a timely manner, this will be deemed an act of God, and monies will not be forfeited.

Market Steer Rules

(Show: Thursday, April 1st)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All cattle entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **December 5th by 11:59 pm or late registration by December 12th by 11:59 pm**
3. All cattle must be tagged in on **Sunday, December 13th** from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds. This marks the start of the feeding period.
4. Entry fee of \$30.00 per head, or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per head.
5. Cattle must be de-horned and castrated before tag-in and at show time.
6. Calves must be dry lot fed.

Show Requirements

1. Steers must be halter broken.
2. All steer exhibitors must walk their steer unassisted into the show ring. No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader can enter the show ring.
3. Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from **4:00 – 5:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm on Monday, March 29th. All covers and wraps must be removed when exhibits are weighed.** There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.
4. Steers must be a minimum weight of 1000 lbs.
5. Steers will show on Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 pm
6. Steers must be clipped to ¼" of body hair, except for the tail switch. Length will be checked at check in, and any violation will be given one hour to correct.

Restrictions

1. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is not permitted.

Permitted

1. Drench guns are allowed.
2. Calf Calm or equivalent is approved for use.

Market Lamb Rules

(Show: Tuesday, March 30th)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All lamb entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **December 5th by 11:59 pm or late entry by December 12th by 11:59 pm.**
3. Tag-in will be **Sunday, December 13th** from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. Entry Fee will be \$30.00 per head, or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per head.
5. Market lambs must be unbred ewes or wethers.
6. Male lambs must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from **4:00 – 5:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm on Monday, March 29th. All covers and wraps must be removed when exhibits are weighed.** There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.
2. All Lamb exhibitors must walk their lamb unassisted into the show ring. No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader unless otherwise approved by the BYF Board can enter the show ring.
3. Lambs will show on Tuesday, March 30th at 6:00 pm.
4. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs.
5. **Lambs must be slick shorn and of uniform length from the knee and hock up at the time of arrival. There will be no shearing allowed on the show grounds. Only hand shearers and cordless clippers may be used for touch ups. Lambs will be checked at weigh in.**

Market Goat Rules

(Show: Tuesday, March 30th)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All goat entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **December 5th by 11:59 pm or late entry by December 12th by 11:59 pm.**
3. Tag-in will be **Sunday, December 13th** from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the school ag barn for only the animals that are housed at the school barn and from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. Entry Fee will be \$30.00 per head, or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per head.
5. Market goats may be un-bred does or wethers.
6. Male goats must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from **4:00 – 5:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm on Monday, March 29th. All covers and wraps must be removed when exhibits are weighed.** There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.
2. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs.
3. Goats can be shown with hair or slick shorn.
4. Goats will show on Tuesday, March 30th immediately following Lambs
5. Horns must be tipped or dehorned.
6. Exhibitor must be able to control goat unassisted. Collars are suggested.
7. All goat exhibitors must walk their goat unassisted into the show ring. No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader unless otherwise approved by the BYF Board can enter the show ring.

Market Swine Rules

(Show: Wednesday, March 31st)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All Swine entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **December 5th by 11:59 pm or late entry by December 12th by 11:59 pm.**
3. Tag-in will be **Sunday, December 13th** from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the school ag barn for only the animals that are housed at the school barn and from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. Entry fee of \$30.00 per head, or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per head.
5. Market swine must be either barrows or unbred gilts.
6. Male swine must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from **4:00 – 5:00 pm or 8:00 – 9:00 pm on Monday, March 29th. All covers and wraps must be removed when exhibits are weighed.** There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.
2. Swine must weigh between 210 lbs. and 290 lbs.
3. Swine will show on Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 pm
4. All swine exhibitors must walk their pig unassisted into the show ring. No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader unless otherwise approved by the BYF Board can enter the show ring.
5. Swine must be dry before entering the holding area. A BYF water bottle will be provided for use inside the holding area.

Restrictions

1. Carpet will be allowed on show day only and must be removed after the show.
2. Paint, powder, paste or oil will not be allowed on animals on show day.

Market Rabbit Rules

(Show: Monday, March 29th)

Entry Requirements

1. All BYF General and Auction rules apply.
2. All rabbit entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **February 20th by 11:59 pm or late entry by February 27th by 11:59 pm.**
3. Entry fee of \$30.00 per head, or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per head.
4. Rabbits will be tattooed on **Sunday, February 28th** at the BYF Fairgrounds from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Show Requirements

1. **All rabbits must be checked in from 4:30 – 5:30 pm on Monday March 29th.**
2. **Market rabbits will show on Monday March 29th at 5:30 pm.**
3. Meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits of either sex and not exceeding five and a half lbs. (5 lbs. 8 oz) or less than three and a half lbs. (3 lbs. 8 oz) each. One alternate is allowed per exhibitor.
4. All rabbits in the pen shall be of the same breed, recognized by the ARBA and not over 75 days old.
5. Exhibitors must own the doe at the time the litter is kindled or may purchase meat pen rabbits. There will be no maximum number of rabbits an exhibitor can tattoo.
6. Meat pens will be weighed at the time of arrival.
7. Meat pens not sifted will be caged. All others will be released at the conclusion of the show.
8. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the right ear with a BYF tattoo, on Sunday, February 28th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the BYF Fairgrounds; all tattoos must be permanent and legible. Personal tattoos are not required.
9. Exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own pen of rabbits. Exhibitor must provide their own feed, feeding bowl, and watering bowl/bottle.
10. Rabbits will be placed on the Judging Table and placed in the Placing Pens by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is excused by the BYF Board of Directors per the substitute exhibitor rule criteria, then the Rabbit Committee will be the only authorized handler. (ex. Placing or removing from the judging table). No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader unless otherwise approved by the BYF Board can enter the show ring.

Restrictions

1. No rabbit will be accepted with an ear canker or cold (i.e. runny nose).

Single Fryer Rabbit Rules

(Show: Monday, March 29th)

Following the conclusion of the meat pen show

Entry Requirements

1. All BYF General and Auction rules apply.
2. All single fryer rabbit entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 20th by 11:59 pm
3. Entry Fee of \$10.00 for fryer rabbit.
4. Rabbits will be tattooed on Sunday, February 28th at the BYF Fairgrounds from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Show Requirements

1. All rabbits must be checked in from 4:30 – 5:30 pm on Monday March 29th immediately following the market rabbits.
2. Fryer rabbit, of either sex, are not to exceed five and a half lbs. (5 lbs. 8 oz) or less than three and a half lbs. (3 lbs. 8 oz).
3. Rabbits shall be recognized by the ARBA and not over 75 days old.
4. Exhibitors may own the doe at the time the litter is kindled or may purchase meat pen rabbits. There will be no maximum number of rabbits an exhibitor can tattoo.
5. Fryer rabbit will be weighed at the meat pen sift and the exhibitor must indicate the ear tag number of their single fryer.
6. The single fryer must be one of the exhibitor's rabbits tagged in on March 31st for the meat pen competition, but they may or may not be one of their rabbits used in the meat pen competition.
7. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear by exhibitor and the right ear with a BYF tattoo, on Sunday, February 28th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the BYF Fairgrounds; all tattoos must be permanent and legible. Personal tattoos are not required.
8. Rabbits will be placed on the Judging Table and placed in the Placing Pens by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is excused by the BYF Board of Directors per the substitute exhibitor rule criteria, then the Rabbit Committee or Board Members will be the only authorized handler. (ex. Placing or removing from the judging table). No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader unless otherwise approved by the BYF Board can enter the show ring.
9. The single fryer rabbits are not eligible for the auction; they will only be competing for Grand and Reserve belt buckles.

Restrictions

1. No rabbit will be accepted with an ear canker or cold (i.e. runny nose).

Market Broiler Rules

(Monday, March 29th)

(Broilers sift starts at 7:00 pm or following the rabbit show if it ends after 7:00 pm, show immediately after sift)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All Broilers will be bought from the same hatchery by the Poultry Chairman.
3. Broilers will be a minimum of twenty-five (25), all orders over the minimum must be in multiples of twenty-five (25), per exhibitor or family. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery.
4. Broiler pens will consist of three (3) birds of the same sex and only one (1) pen may be shown per exhibitor.
5. Entry fee of \$30.00 is due with order or the late entry fee of \$150.00 is due with order. Please note that the entry fee is separate from the broiler lot purchase(s).
6. Broiler entries and orders are due online at baytown.fairwire.com on or before December 5th by 11:59 pm. Late Broiler entries and orders are due by December 12th by 11:59 pm. Validation date for broilers is, Sunday, December 13th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery. All poultry pick up will be at the fairgrounds.
7. Numbered wing bands will be placed on each bird at the hatchery and assigned to each exhibitor.
8. Wing Bands must be spread and not grown into the meat, bands must be legible, or you will be disqualified.

Show Requirements

1. Broiler sift will begin at 7:00 pm or immediately following the rabbit show if it ends after 7:00 pm.
2. Exhibitor will be responsible for feeding their own broilers.
3. Any disqualification for defects will be determined by the judge. It will be the judge's decision to allow an alternate.

Market Turkey Rules

(Monday, March 29th)
(Turkey sift will follow Broilers show)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All Turkeys will be bought from the same hatchery by the Poultry Chairman.
3. Turkey orders will be available in lots of fifteen (15) and lots of five (5) per exhibitor or family with a minimum of fifteen (15) birds. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery.
4. Turkey pens will consist of one (1) hen and only one (1) pen may be shown per exhibitor.
5. Entry fee of \$30.00 is due with order or the late entry fee of \$150.00 is due with order. Please note that the entry fee is separate from the turkey lot purchase(s).
6. Turkey entries and orders are due online at baytown.fairwire.com on or before October 10th by 11:59 pm. Late Turkey entries and orders are due by October 17th by 11:59 pm. Validation date for turkeys is, Sunday, October 18th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery. All poultry pick up will be at the fairgrounds.
7. Numbered wing bands will be placed on each bird at the hatchery and assigned to each exhibitor.
8. Wing Bands must be spread and not grown into the meat, bands must be legible, or you will be disqualified.

Show Requirements

1. Turkey sift will begin immediately following the Broiler Show
2. Exhibitor will be responsible for feeding their own Turkeys.
3. Any disqualification for defects will be determined by the judge. It will be the judge's decision to allow an alternate.

Indoor Exhibit Rules

(Tuesday, March 30th)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction rules apply.
2. Entry fee of \$30.00 per project (Pee-Wee entries are \$15.00 per project) or the late entry fee is \$150.00 per project.
3. All indoor exhibit entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **December 5th by 11:59 pm or late entry by December 12th by 11:59 pm.**
4. A written description of the project will be required when entering (not photography). There will be a place for the description when entering projects online.
5. If needed, instructions for operation need to be included for the project.
6. Project must have been made in current year (**after March 27, 2026**).
7. Exhibitor does not have to be a member of 4-H or FFA, but project must be supervised by at AST or 4-H Leader. **The exhibitor must follow Eligibility rule #1 under General Rules and Regulations.**
9. There will be three groups: (Grade determined as of August 12, 2026)
 - Pee-Wee: 2nd Grade and under will receive ribbons only.
(Not eligible for either auction)
 - Junior: 3rd Grade – 8th Grade
 - Senior: 9th Grade – 12th Grade
10. All entries must be moved into the exhibit hall by the exhibitor without the help of another person. The use of dollies can be used. The project must be assembled and set up as the exhibitor wants the project to be placed onto judging tables upon being carried into the BYF building. If the project does not meet this requirement, it will be disqualified.
11. A minimum of 5 entries per category will be required to make a category. If there are not 5 entries per category then all entries for that division will become one category, for example: Less than 5 Canned will be merged with Desserts/Bread and will just be one category Food.
12. No Names on any projects, you will be assigned a number.
13. Only one exhibitor is allowed to create the project.

Show Requirements

1. **All indoor entries Check-in is Tuesday March 30th from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm in the BYF Main Building.** The judging will start at 6:00 pm.
2. Upon completion of the Craft, Textile & Leather, Photography, Horticulture, and Food projects being turned in, all entries will be reviewed to ensure compliance with all rules. If found in non-compliance of rules, the project will be disqualified from the competition.
3. Judging for Craft, Textile & Leather, Photography, Horticulture, and Food will begin once entry review is completed. Doors will be open on Wednesday morning for viewing of results.
4. The Indoor Exhibit building will be open at certain times at which the times will be posted on the building doors.
5. Projects must include a list of materials/ ingredients (ingredient card) and a general description of preparation (does not apply to photography).
6. For indoor exhibits entries that did not make sale, they can be picked up beginning Wednesday, March 31st. If you have a food entry that made sale and it is still edible, the exhibitor can pick up so that it doesn't go to waste.
7. For the auction in the Food category, if you win Grand Food you will need to bring a new one for the live auction.
8. Indoor exhibits in the Food and Horticulture division – only the project in whatever container it is turned in with will be judged. There will be no additional decorations or accessories allowed (such as table runners, plates, forks, pictures, or serving utensils).

9. There will be 5 Divisions:
- Craft**
 - The craft category is for wood, paintings and metal crafts
 - A binder or folder with brads must contain a written diary of progress of project containing a minimum of five (5) photos to be submitted with each craft project. The photographs cannot contain the exhibitor's face or any way to be able to identify the exhibitor. This will be judged as part of their presentation.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Difficulty, Neatness, Creativity, and Presentation
 - Textile & Leather**
 - The Textile & Leather category is for soft goods/textiles such as sewing, string art and leather work.
 - A binder or folder with brads must contain a written diary of progress of project containing a minimum of five (5) photos to be submitted with each craft project. The photographs cannot contain the exhibitor's face or any way to be able to identify the exhibitor. This will be judged as part of their presentation.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Difficulty, Neatness, Creativity, and Presentation
 - Food Project**
 - There will be three categories "Desserts/Breads", "Canned", and "Candy". Only bring one item per entry to be judged. Do not bring "Buyers items" until day of auction.
 - If the food project needs to remain cold, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make arrangements in their display to keep the food cold.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Appearance, Color, Texture, and Flavor
 - Photography**
 - All entries are to be an original unpublished photo size 8"x10" (no larger). All entries must be matted to 11"x14". No frames allowed! AI-generated images, including generative fills, are not allowed. Exhibitor must be able to provide digital proof of the original photo upon request. If not able to provide proof, the exhibitor will be automatically disqualified.
 - There will be two categories, "People/Animals" and "Scenery/Plants".
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Technical, Artistic, Impact and Overall Impression
 - Horticulture**
 - A written diary of progress of project containing a minimum of five (5) photos is to be submitted with each Horticulture project. The photographs are not to contain the exhibitor's face, or in any way be able to identify the exhibitor.
 - There will be two categories: Terrarium (a glass or plastic enclosed container) and Hanging Basket/Container.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Design, Presentation, Use of Plants, Quality of Plants
10. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each Division will advance to the Live Auction. (Not Pee-Wee)
11. Places 2nd – 6th for each Senior Division and Junior Division for the Indoor Exhibits for a total of 50 projects will advance to the Silent Auction. If there are not 10 projects to advance from a Division, the remaining projects will be taken from the other Divisions using a draw system. (Not Pee-Wee) If you make live auction on a project, you cannot also make silent auction in the same category. The highest place is chosen for live or silent auction.
12. Any project that does not advance to the Silent Auction or Live Auction will be allowed to be picked up beginning Wednesday at noon. If not picked up after completion of the Mandatory Meeting, Thursday, April 1st it will become the property of the Baytown Youth Fair. The Sign-out sheet must be signed before removing projects.
13. For divisions with multiple categories, (Food, Photography and Horticulture) the first-place winners of each category will compete for Grand Champion of the Division.

NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED IN BUILDING WHILE JUDGING INDOOR EXHIBITS

Ag-Mechanics

(Wednesday, March 31st)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction rules apply.
2. Entry fee of \$30.00 per project or late entry fee is \$150.00.
3. Exhibitor must be enrolled in Metal Trades, Industrial, or Vocational programs which offer Welding or Machine Shop or 4-H students with approved leaders.
4. All ag mechanic entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by **February 20th by 11:59 pm or late entry by February 27th by 11:59 pm**
5. A Tag-In binder or folder with brads (also known as a Rough Draft) will need to be turned into the Ag-Mechanics Chairman on **Sunday, February 28th** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm at BYF containing the following: A draft copy of drawings with dimensions, list of materials, Exhibitor Name, Title of Project, and Division Entering, and if needed, instructions of operation needs to be included for the project. Drawings must be done by exhibitor by hand or auto cad. The Check-In Binder or Folder (Final) must be turned in at check-in on Wednesday, March 31st containing the signed pages from the Tag-In binder/folder along with the final version of the drawings with dimensions, list of materials, Exhibitor Name, Title of Project, Division Entering, and if needed, instructions of operation needs to be included for the project.
6. Entries can be metal or wood projects.
7. Each exhibitor is only allowed to check in one project per division.
8. Ag Mechanics entries can be in teams of up to 2. Entries must be paid per each exhibitor. If monies are won, it will be evenly paid out.

Show Requirements

1. There will be two 2 divisions:
 - A. Farm, Ranch, and Livestock (example: Hay Handling Equipment, Shop Equipment, Trailers, Trailer Implements, Three-Point Mounted Implements, Feeders, Trim Chutes, Crates, gates, Stall Panels)
 - Leave welds as they are.
 - B. Home Convenience and Recreation (examples: BBQ Pits, Picnic Tables, Furniture Projects)
 - May clean welds at the exhibitor discretion.

Final classification will be determined by the Ag-Mechanics Chairman

2. The Grand Champion and Reserve Campion of each Division will advance to the Live Auction.
3. **Places 3rd – 12th for each Ag Mechanics Division or a combination of both for a total of 20 projects will advance to the Silent Auction.**
4. Any projects that do not advance to the Silent Auction must be picked up following Mandatory meeting on Thursday, April 1st.
5. Project must be the work of the exhibitor and have been built during the current year **(after March 27, 2026).**
6. Original drawings, revision drawings, project description, building cost, hours worked, and a minimum of five (5) photos that include the exhibitor's face must be presented in a binder or a folder with brads with the project to be judged.
7. **Check-in is Wednesday, March 31st from 7:00 am – 9:00 am; judging will begin at 9:30 am.**
8. Exhibitors are required to be present during judging for questions by the Judge.

9. Ag Mechanics Projects will be judged on:

Criteria		Points
A	Craftsmanship/Workmanship	25
B	Functionality	20
C	Project Folders (content and quality of Documentation)	15
D	General Appearance, Finish, and/or Preservation	10
E	Prestation/Showmanship	10
F	Degree of Difficulty	10
G	Design/Structural Integrity	10

Only exhibitors will be allowed in the area during the judging.

Restrictions

1. Kits or prefabricated work will not be accepted.
2. Projects advancing to the Live or Silent Auctions will not be permitted to leave the Fairgrounds until the Live Auction has finished. All others must leave before 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 1st.

2027 Committee Chairmen

NOTE: The Committee Chairmen will be added after the elections that will be held at the General Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Main Building at the fairgrounds