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## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS** **FOR ALL JR. LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS. FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE.

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations as they will be strictly enforced without deviation of any kind.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 3 TO PAGE 66 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS, AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment, may deem advisable.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Show, each Exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardians(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, and volunteers agree to be bound by the General Rules and Special Rules as published herein. Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, or volunteer who violates and/or refuses to follow any of the General Rules and/or Special Rules as published in these rules shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair Show and/or Auction, and/or will forfeit all privileges and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.

In order to participate in the Montgomery County Fair, each exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Montgomery County Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, or volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and or participate in the Montgomery County Fair Show and/or Auction.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. The Show will open **April 11, 2024**, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
2. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officers-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident, and/or any matters resulting from or relating to the actions of any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, visitors, exhibits, animals, animal clinics, forfeiture of all awards and/or sale proceeds, non-payment of sale proceeds by an auction buyer(s), etc.

NOTE: In the event it is determined that the Montgomery County Fair Association is held liable with regard to an exhibitor's animal, whether directly or indirectly relating to same, which liability is specifically denied by the Association, then in that event the limit of the Montgomery County Fair Association's liability will not exceed the market value of the exhibitor's animal (in its market class and weight) or the animal's tankage price on the date of the Fair Auction Sale, which is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by each exhibitor as a condition of participating in the show.

3. Entrants and Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following during the current school year:
  - a) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter meetings from September through February.
  - b) 4-H enrolled members must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.
  - c) Home Educated Student – must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule 3 b) above. Only home educated students, whom would have attended a private, public, or parochial school within Montgomery County, are eligible to show.
  - d) Must be eight (8) years of age and in the third grade, or nine (9) years of age as of August 31, 2023, to enter.
4. Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) below, all entrants and exhibitors must reside in Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent, or legal guardian, and sleeps in Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week).

GENERAL EXCEPTION (A): Any entrant or exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian, and sleeps outside Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is zoned to attend public school inside Montgomery County; must be a member in good standing and attended a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (B): Any entrant or exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian, and sleeps outside Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week), but because parents, parent, or legal guardian is employed by a private, public, or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County and the entrant or exhibitor is enrolled and attending classes in the same private, public, or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County; must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

Any entrant or exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a Special General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. All General Exception Forms are due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing or a specified date in each division rules.

5. If a student is academically ineligible to show his/her project or show animal, the student and project will not be allowed to show in the Fair.
6. Substitute Exhibitor: Junior Show animals must be exhibited and sold by its owner.

EXCEPTION: A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:

- When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal in another department.
- When an exhibitor is sick (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor).
- Approved school activities, TAKS test, etc. (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a school official on school letterhead).

When one of the above conditions exists, the Show Chairman and Office-in-Charge may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed, the substitute showman must be from the same FFA/4-H as the original exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor also must meet all requirements of a Junior Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from the same FFA/4-H, the Show Chairman or Office-in-Charge can approve a substitute from another FFA/4-H. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per division. Any exhibitor of a past Grand Champion or Reserve Champion in a respective junior market animal division is NOT eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor. An official substitute exhibitor form must be filled out and turned in at check-in. The Show Chairman or Officer-in-Charge may also require positive identification of the substitute.

7. Entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

8. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee on Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Barrows, Filly and Geldings, Replacement Heifers, Market Rabbits, Breeding Beef, Poultry, and Goats. Exhibitors will receive an armband that entitles them to free entry to the fairground, **April 12 – April 14, 2024**. No entries will be accepted by fax. NO REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES. SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR, CEA/VAT, OR 4-H MANAGER FAIL TO GET AN ENTRY OR ENTRIES IN BY THE ENTRY DUE DATE, A LATE FEE OF \$250.00 PER ENTRY WILL BE APPLIED, PLUS THE ENTRY FEE(S). THE ANIMAL MUST ALREADY HAVE BEEN VALIDATED ON THE ORIGINAL TAG-IN DATE AND HAIR MAY BE PULLED FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. ALL OTHER RULES MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED.
9. The **2024** online entry window will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, **January 22, 2024**, and end at 5:00 pm Friday, **February 2, 2024**, on the Montgomery County Fair official website – <https://mcfa.org/>. Entries and fees must be submitted online by 5:00 pm, Friday, **February 2, 2024**. Entries may be completed and paid for in person at the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, **February 2, 2024**, if means to complete online are not accessible by the individual. There is a two-week window to submit late entries. The two-week window will begin after 5:00 pm on Friday, **February 2, 2024**, and will end at 5:00 pm on Friday, **February 16, 2024**. IN ORDER TO SUBMIT LATE ENTRIES, THE FAIR OFFICE MUST BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE OR IN-PERSON FOR ENTRY OR ENTRIES TO BE ENTERED. ALL LATE ENTRANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$250.00 LATE FEE **PER ENTRY**.
10. Classification will be done by a classifier(s) selected by the Judges Committee and approved by the Rules Committee.
11. All animals must stay in the barn from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am each night after they are checked in, with the exception of animals checking out immediately following their respective shows. Any exercising or walking of animals will be done in the arena or in the designated exercising area.
12. No fans will be allowed in the aisles (they can be hanging or placed in feed aisles). No generators in the Barn.
13. Check out must be approved by the Division Chairman or his/her representative. All animals must have releases, obtained from Division Chairman or his/her representative.
  - a) Livestock Release forms will require the following information: exhibitor's name, club, vehicle license number, person picking up animal, slaughter plant name (if applies), tag number of animal, and parent or exhibitor's signature.
14. Division Chairman have the right to combine classes if insufficient in number and create a class or classes if deemed necessary.
15. Any animal that is to be exhibited in the Junior Livestock Show must be cared for in Montgomery County (EXCEPTION: see General Exception Rule, page 4). They must be under the daily care of and trained, fitted, or dressed for show by the junior exhibitor under the direction and assistance from parents, siblings, grandparents, or legal guardians; CEA's or VAT's currently residing in Montgomery County; or other feeders or leaders currently residing in Montgomery County. Each exhibitor and his/her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s), and/or representative(s) agree that in exchange for participation in the Junior Livestock Show, they will allow Montgomery County Fair Association representative(s) permission to enter unannounced onto the property where the exhibitor's project is located for purposes of inspection.
16. DECISIONS OF CLASSIFIERS AND/OR SIFTERS IN ALL DIVISIONS WILL BE FINAL AT THE TIME OF SUCH CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SIFT, AND PROTESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, AND ALL SIFTED ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS.
17. Committees to inspect/sift livestock may be appointed in such divisions as the Office-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman deems advisable. It is the duty of the inspection/sifting committee to pass upon the eligibility of animal(s) for show purposes before judging beings. These committees shall be empowered and required to eliminate from entry, tag-in, participation, and/or the show, any animal which, in their judgement, is not qualified for competition. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman may require such animal(s) not to be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair Show and/or Auction, and/or to be removed from the show grounds.

18. The Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman reserve the right not to allow entry, tag-in, participation, and/or to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand, or show they deem unsuitable or objectionable. No wild or unruly animals will be accepted. The Officers and/or Executive Committee also reserve the right to return any entry money already paid. Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman will not be required to furnish reasons for such actions, the return of the exhibitor's and/or purchaser's entry fees exonerates the Association from any claim by the exhibitor or purchaser.
19. Each exhibitor and his/her immediate family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s), parent(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personal, officers, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen/and or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking laws of the State of Texas, and etc., may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate; may have their entries cancelled; and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately; and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.
20. **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, or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited.
- a) **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, airing injections and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted may be disqualified.
  - b) **Over Age Animals:** Over age animals will be disqualified.
  - c) **Illegal Use of Unapproved Drugs:** 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 Food Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. Use of unapproved drugs is illegal by violation of federal law.
  - d) **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the show.
  - e) **Extra-Label Use of Drugs:** The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is extra-label drug use and is illegal by violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals (2) the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

NOTICE: Abuse of the extra-label drug use privilege or non-compliance of FDA extra-label drug use policy by veterinarians is illegal by violation of federal law and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

21. All Junior Market Animals will be required to have a drug certification form signed by the following:
  - a) Junior Exhibitor,
  - b) Parent or guardian, and
  - c) CEA or VAT.This form MUST be brought to the show and given to the Show Officials by the exhibitor at the time that the market animal(s) are checked-in. NO junior market animal will be allowed to show without this drug certification form properly filled out.
22. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth from Page 3 to Page 66 must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Office and notice given to the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman immediately after occasion for such protest. Protests will be accepted prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done. All protests will be determined by a special committee made up of five (5) members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairman, and three (3) other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the protest special committee shall be final, without recourse against the Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. (see General Provisions set forth on page 3).
23. Exhibitors from the same immediate family will be able to tag in their animals, of the same species, without specifying which animal belongs to which exhibitor in the immediate family, however, each child's name must be listed on each tag-in card. THERE MUST BE AS MANY ANIMALS, OF THE SAME SPECIES, AS THERE ARE EXHIBITORS (EX. THREE (3) CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY – THERE MUST BE AT LEAST THREE (3) ANIMALS OF THE SAME SPECIES TAGGED IN). The tag number of the animal they will show will be determined at the time of weigh-in. If two animals of the same species are tagged in, the first animal weighed will be the animal that is shown.
24. No scales except the official scales will be permitted on the grounds. No trailer parking will be permitted on the grounds except in the designated area.
25. Ages for Showmanship will be: Junior – 13 and under, and Senior – 14 and over. Ages will be based on age the day of the show.
26. ANY EXHIBITOR WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SAME TO THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR EVENT BEGINS SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.
27. ANIMAL HANDLING DEVICES: Show Management, Livestock Office-in-Charge, or Committee Chairman reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. **CABLE HALTERS ARE PROHIBITED FOR ALL SPECIES.**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

1. The Auction is a continuation of the Montgomery County Fair, and all General and Division Rules and Regulations shall apply.
2. Grand and Reserve animals will sell first in the auction.
3. It is expected that **approximately** twenty-three (23) steers, forty-two (42) hogs, twenty (20) pens of broilers, ten (10) pens of rabbits, twenty (20) lambs, twenty (20) goats, and two (2) to four (4) turkeys (dependent on number of Turkeys entered to show [10 or fewer entries = 2 sale spots, 11-15 entries = 3 sale spots, 16+ entries = 4 sale spots]) will be sold in the Auction; however, that exact number will be determined by the Executive Committee and the Auction Chairman. For those divisions selling more than twenty-three (23) animals, only the top twenty-three (23) exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own animal into the sale ring. A sale ring animal will be provided for all remaining exhibitors.
4. No distressed items will be sold.
5. There will be no resale of animals back to the exhibitor.
6. A place for buyers will be reserved at the Auction.
7. At the end of the Auction, all animals must be taken back to the stalls in the show barn. Each contestant must fill out a receipt of delivery stating the wishes of the buyer. The youth will be responsible to see that the animal is maintained and delivered to the buyer on the specified date. Any youth who fails to comply with the feeding and care of the animal will never be allowed to participate in the show again. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.**
8. Junior Exhibitors who had a Grand Champion in the Livestock show at the **2023** Montgomery County Fair will not be eligible to compete in that division for the **2024** Montgomery County Fair in which their Grand Champion was exhibited (this includes substitution roles – see rule 6, page 4). This rule applies to all Junior Exhibitor Divisions in which Exhibitors are competing to make the respective auction sales. Exception: if an Exhibitor has two (2) Grand animals and he/she drops one, he/she will be able to show the following year in the division he/she dropped.
9. If an Exhibitor drops a Grand or Reserve Auction item to sell another Grand or Reserve Auction item, no changes will be made in the placement of other animals or poultry.
10. At the Sale Meeting following each show, the Exhibitor must be in attendance. Montgomery County 4-H Manager and Montgomery County FFA Divisions should be in attendance. A parent of each Exhibitor is encouraged to attend. All alternates should try and attend the sale meeting after the Market Steer Show. Contestants are eligible to enter each Division of the Show, however, each exhibitor may sell only one entry in the Auction. **AN EXHIBITOR PLACING MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL IN THE SALE MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW IN WHICH THEY HAVE PLACED THE SECOND ANIMAL INFORMING THEM WHICH ANIMAL TO PLACE IN THE SALE.**
11. **CHECK PICK-UP WILL START AT 9AM ON TUESDAY, **JUNE 11, 2024** - TUESDAY, **JUNE 25, 2024**, UNTIL 5PM. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY 5PM ON **JUNE 25, 2024**, WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE EXHIBITOR BRING THE RECEIPT OF DELIVERY, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) FOR THEIR BUYER(S) & ADD ON'S TO THE FAIR OFFICE IN ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF THE EXHIBITOR'S CHECK.
12. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check for any and all monies received through the Fair Association. In addition, cost of pictures will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check.



13. Should a family member purchase their own child's (whether by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child, exchange student, grandchild, ward, and etc.) animal, said animal must be paid for before the exhibitor will receive his/her check from the Fair Office.
14. If an exhibitor is not present to sell his/her animal, the animal will be dropped from the sale.
15. The animal that makes the auction is the animal that is sold to buyer and delivered to buyer.

## **QUALITY COUNTS**

### **VERIFICATION**

4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome livestock product for the consumer.

Verification of Quality counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character.

Now and in the near future many local and major livestock shows will require that a youth exhibitor demonstrate this base knowledge by taking the online Quality Counts Verification test and obtaining a Verification Number. The Montgomery County Fair will be requiring the Quality Counts Certification and the certification number must be written on your entry form when turned in to your 4-H and FFA Leader.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR QUALITY COUNTS CERTIFICATION**

Visit: <https://agrillife.org/qualitycounts/> for directions and the link to complete your Quality Counts Verification test.

For more information and questions about 4-H Quality Counts requirements, please contact the Montgomery County Extension Office.

## **BREEDING BEEF DIVISION**

In County Heifers Only

Arrival Time – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Check-In – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Judging Date – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

THIS IS A HEIFER SHOW ONLY – NO BULLS

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division rules.
2. Open to all 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, or home educated students. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on **January 16, 2024**. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
3. A paper verification for the Breeding Beef Division for Montgomery County Fair will be held on **January 16, 2024**, from **4:00** pm to 7:00 pm at the Montgomery County Fair Office, where original registration papers for all registered heifers or a bill of sale for heifers tagged-in for Montgomery County Fair Replacement Heifer Show, will be due and processed by the committee. **Exhibitor is required to bring original registration paper(s) or bill of sale ONLY if heifer has been tagged-in for the Montgomery County Fair Replacement Heifer Show, as well as two (2) copies of said papers to verify eligibility.** Exhibitor must present ALL papers of ALL heifers he/she is planning to exhibit at the Breeding Beef Show at the Montgomery County Fair. There will be no substitutions. Papers will be checked by Montgomery County Breeding Beef Committee. Exhibitor should be present; parent or guardian **MUST** be present to sign validation card. Do not bring heifer(s); this is a paper verification only. Committee has the right to check tattoo numbers in ear at time of show. All Montgomery County Fair Replacement Heifers and Montgomery County Fair Scramble Heifers MUST present registration papers or bill of sale at this validation to exhibit their heifer in the Montgomery County Fair Breeding Beef Show.
4. Grand and Reserve banners will be awarded to overall show winners. Grand and Reserve Belt Buckles will be awarded to division winners. Showmanship jackets will be awarded. Leather ribbons will be given to Champion and Reserve Breed Champions.
  - a. All others will receive ribbons.
  - b. The Fair Association will contribute \$1500 to prize money and have a 60/40 payback on entry fees (60% will go to the exhibitors, 40% to the Fair).
  - c. If only one entry is a class, 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize money will be awarded.
5. **Breeding beef heifers showing only in the Breeding Beef Division MUST be registered in the Herd-book of their Association in ONLY the name of the junior owner on or before November 10 of the year preceding the show. Purchase date, delivery date, possession date, transfer date, and registration date must all take place on or before November 10 of the year preceding the show.**
6. **No grooming material is allowed. This is a "Blow and Go" show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state WITHOUT the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited.** Heifers will be toweled.
7. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
8. All breeding stock must be double-tied.
9. No bedding hays.

10. Judging will be done in the following order:

**AMERICAN DIVISION** – Brahman, Brahmousin, Brangus/Red Brangus, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ABC, and ARB. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the American Division.

**ENGLISH DIVISION** – Angus/Red Angus, Hereford/Polled Hereford, and Shorthorn. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the English Division.

**EXOTIC DIVISION** – Charolais, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Simmental, ORG, and AOB. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the Exotic Division.

**MINIATURE CLASS** – Any breed as specified above under the American, English, and Exotic Division. Maximum height for Miniature Class is 45" on mature females. All entries will be measured for height prior to showing. Designated Show Officials will conduct all height measurement. Those exceeding the 45" height requirement will not be allowed to compete in the Miniature Class.

Breeds will be broken down into the following classes:

CLASS 1: BORN AFTER 10/1/2023

CLASS 2: 6/1/2023 – 9/30/2023

CLASS 3: 2/1/2023 – 5/31/2023

CLASS 4: 10/1/2022 – 1/31/2023

CLASS 5: 6/1/2022 – 9/30/2022

CLASS 6: 2/1/2022 – 5/31/2022

CLASS 7: 9/1/2021 – 1/31/2022

Note: Five (5) or more entered will determine breed assembly at the discretion of the show Chairman and/or Office-in-Charge.

11. Entries must be completed and paid for by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm. Entry fee is \$20/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

12. Breeding beef heifers will be released immediately following the Breeding Beef Show on Sunday, **April 14, 2024**.

13. There will be one stall assigned per entry (heifer). Said entry (heifer) and exhibitor has right of occupancy and/or use of only the single assigned stall space. The Committee reserves the right to police stalls at any time to determine if any non-assigned stall space should be filled. Exceptions to this rule will be considered on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the Chairman.

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<https://mcfa.org/events/breeding-beef-show/>

## **SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION**

Arrival Time & Check-in – Friday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Judging Date – Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

### **RULES FOR 2024 SCRAMBLE SHOW EXHIBITORS:**

1. This division is subject to the General rules and these Division rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on **January 16, 2024**. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
2. No grooming material is allowed. This is a “Blow and Go” show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state WITHOUT the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Heifers will be toweled.
3. Stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
4. The breed categories will consist of:
  - a. American
  - b. English
  - c. Exotic
5. An online entry is required, but there is no entry fee for the Scramble Heifer Division. If you wish to enter the Breeding Beef Division and/or Replacement Heifer Division, entry will need to be submitted online and entry fees of \$20.00 for each division will be charged. Scramble calves may participate in the Replacement Heifer Division & Sale but will have to tag in on **October 10, 2023**. Scramble Heifers may participate in the Breeding Beef Division but will have to bring papers for verification on **January 16, 2024**. All rules for the Breeding Beef Division and Replacement Heifer Division and Sale will apply (if applicable, refer to these rules for Division requirements).
6. Entries must be completed by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm (see page five (5) of Rule Book for Online Entry details).
7. All Breeding Stock must be double-tied.
8. No bedding hays.
9. With regard to Calf Scramble Show placement:
  - a. Belt buckles will be given to Grand and Reserve Champion of Show
  - b. Leather ribbons will be given to Grand and Reserve Champion of Breeds
  - c. All others will receive ribbons
10. The following scholarship money will be given:
  - a. \$3,000.00 for First Place overall
  - b. \$2,000.00 for Second Place overall
  - c. \$1,000.00 for Third Place overall
11. Exhibitors will be judged to determine overall placement as follows:
  - a. 10% - Calf Placement in Show
  - b. 30% - Presentation of Heifer and Personal Interview
  - c. 60% - Essays and Monthly Reports.

The overall placement may be determined by the following weighted factors, including but not limited to: Completeness, Neatness, Accuracy, Timeliness, and Comments of Monthly Progress Reports; Photographs; Sportsmanship; Presentation of Heifer and Personal Interview; Calf Scramble Show; Essay; Scrapbook; and Showmanship. The scholarship money will be funded directly to the College, University, or Institution of Higher Learning of the exhibitor's choice upon satisfactory proof of enrollment.

12. Once each month, the exhibitor will be required to make a progress report on their animal. The reports are marked late if they arrive at the Fair Office after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. They are due by 5:00 pm. No faxes will be accepted. Should the 10<sup>th</sup> fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the report will be due the following Monday. Monthly progress reports must be submitted to the Montgomery County Fair Association office, the sponsors, and the exhibitors' CEA or VAT. By **November 1, 2023**, by 5:00 pm, exhibitors must submit a 500-word essay on "WHY I SELECTED A (BREED) FOR MY SCRAMBLE PROJECT." By **February 1, 2024**, by 5:00 pm, exhibitors must submit a 1500-word essay on "MY BEEF CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT".
13. Scramble exhibitors who **SUCCESSFULLY** complete all phases of their project to the satisfaction of the Committee Leadership and the Fair Association will be awarded \$250.00 at the completion of all Fair activities. Successful completion includes compliance with all requirements set forth in the MCFA Official Rule Book including Calf Scramble Division Rules. The timely submission of all required monthly reports, scrapbook, 500 & 1500-word essays, and exhibiting the heifer at next year's fair, will be confirmed as part of the committee's decision to determine award eligibility. The decision of the Committee Leadership and Fair Association is final. This reward check will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair.

#### **RULES THAT APPLY TO 2024 SCRAMBLERS:**

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, or home educated students. Even if an exhibitor has been through the program once, they are eligible to participate in the program again, but only after they have sat out of the program for the year following their participation. They would then be placed at the bottom of the list giving exhibitors who have not participated in the program an opportunity to do so.
2. Participants must have reached their 12<sup>th</sup>, but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1, **2024**, and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. Participants must weigh at least 100 pounds. Selection of Calf Scramble participants will be done through the 4-H and FFA.
3. Heifers **MUST BE PURCHASED BY EXHIBITORS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**, following the **2024** show. Payment on scramble certificates will not be made to the seller until transferred Registration Certificate and health papers, properly completed by a licensed veterinarian, are received in the fair office. Registration certificates must be transferred and/or recorded in the exhibitor's name on or before November 1, **2024**. Scramble heifer must be under the daily care of the exhibitor by Replacement Heifer tag-in.
4. Heifer must be purebred and registered in the Association records of one of the following breeds: ARB, ORB, Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Angus, Hereford/Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Charolais, Limousin, main Anjou, and Simmental.
5. If you are awarded a calf in the **2024** Scramble, the calf you select to show in the **2025** show must have been born between July 1, **2023**, and March 31, **2024**.
6. Should any participant in the Calf Scramble fail to catch a calf because of unusual or extenuating circumstances and is then awarded a heifer by some member of the audience or hard luck sponsor, said participant will participate in all events offered to the scramble exhibitors. The exhibitor must care of the heifer under the Calf Scramble Rules and the donor will become a Calf Scramble Sponsor.
7. Scramble catchers **ARE REQUIRED** to exhibit their heifer at the **2025** Montgomery County Fair. Exceptions will be considered by the Officer-in-Charge and the Chairman on a case-by-case basis. The original registration papers will be mailed approximately two (2) weeks after the heifers have been shown. Failure of an exhibitor to participate and exhibit their heifer at the **2025** Montgomery County Fair may result in the exhibitor being required to refund all scramble certificate monies to the Montgomery County Fair Association, exception will be considered by the Officer-in-Charge and the Chairman on a case-by-case basis; the original registration papers will not be mailed to the exhibitor until said monies have been refunded to the Montgomery County Fair Association, and the above is hereby acknowledge and agreed to by the exhibitor as a condition of participating in the calf scramble program, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileged to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the further at the Montgomery County Fair.

8. Sponsors are obtained for the exhibitors and a purchase certificate not to exceed \$1750 will be made out to the seller of the calf. Scramble exhibitors who **SUCCESSFULLY** complete all phases of their project to the satisfaction of the committee leadership and the Fair Association, will be awarded \$250.00 at the completion of all fair activities. Successful completion includes compliance with all requirements set forth in the MCFA Official Rule Book including Calf Scramble Division Rules. The timely submission of all required monthly reports, scrapbook, 500 & 1500-word essays, and exhibiting the heifer at next year's fair, will be confirmed as part of the committee's decision to determine award eligibility. The decision of the committee leadership and the Fair Association is final. This reward check will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair.
  
9. **A MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED IN MAY IN ORDER TO PICK UP CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATES.** A thank you note to the sponsor MUST be turned in at this time and payment will also be due at this time for two (2) scramble pictures. The Fair Office will mail the thank you note along with one (1) picture to the sponsor.

<https://mcfa.org/events/scramble-heifer-show/>

## MARKET STEER DIVISION

Arrival Time – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 am – 11:00 am

Weigh-in Time – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 am – called by breeds in order of show

Judging Date – Tuesday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** – 4:00 pm

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.
2. All Market Steers to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **September 12, 2023**. Each exhibitor can nose print and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the steer at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Tag-in will be held on Tuesday, **September 12, 2023**, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Steers will be nose printed by Montgomery County Steer Committee. DNA samples will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
3. All steers must have official tag on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose your tag, contact the fair office at (936) 760-3631.
4. Determination of steer's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the date of registration.**
5. Steers must be dehorned, otherwise they will not be accepted in the show.
6. Any steer showing live testicular tissue will be sifted.
7. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. when weighed in. Steers will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.
8. Following completion of placing, the judge will place the sale order of the steers.
9. Steers selected for sale order will be branded on the right jaw by show officials at time of selection of sale order.
10. Champion and Reserve Champion Steer of each breed classification shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.
11. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
  - b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  - c. The addition of any dust, hair, or hair like substances, including, but not limited to false tail heads and false polls. False tail switches are allowed.
  - d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  - e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal confirmation.
  - f. Stomach pumping, use of drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
12. **Clipping:** Prior to arrival at the show, steers must be pre-clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Only scissors or cordless clippers may be used for touch-up prior to entering the scales. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of with in at the show. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and

removed. The exhibitor will be eliminated from competition for the current show in the steer division. **The 1/4" hair requirement will be strictly enforced.**

13. No bedding hays.
14. All animals must be double-tied.
15. Parents or other adults will not be allowed to assist the junior exhibitors during judging.
16. Any Breed may, at the discretion of the Division Chairman, be divided into light, medium, and/or heavy classes according to weights at the show.
17. The following is a list of Breeds and the order in which they will be judged:
  - BREED 1 – AMERICAN (TO INCLUDE BRAHMAN CROSSES)
  - BREED 2 – ENGLISH BREEDS (TO INCLUDE ENGLISH CROSSES ONLY)
  - BREED 3 – EXOTICS
18. The use of drugs not approved for steers used for human consumption will not be allowed.
19. Except for sale animals, all steers will be released immediately following the steer show. All steers must be checked out by 10:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FOREFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.
20. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.
21. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

**JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY \$5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/market-steer-show/>



## MARKET BARROW DIVISION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Judging Date – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules
2. All Market Barrows to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **January 9, 2024**. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the barrow at the time of tag-in on **January 9, 2024**, from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Exhibitors are responsible for having their barrows ear notched prior to tag-in. Ear notch and tag-in cards will be sent to FFA and 4-H groups before the tag-in. Ear notches should be marked and cards filled out before you get to the fairgrounds. Ear notches will be checked by a committee member. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
3. All barrows must have official tags on at the time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631. A fee of \$300.00 will be assessed should a barrow lose both ear tags and it is determined that DNA testing is required for proper identification.
4. Determination of barrow's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics which indicate that the subject animal has the required blood relating to the class to which it is entered. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the time of weigh-in.**
5. Any barrow showing live testicular tissue will be sifted.
6. Barrow(s) deemed to have any material or substance added to the exterior of the animal with the intention of altering the weigh-in results will be sifted at the discretion of the Classifier whose ruling will be final.
7. Barrows will be divided into weight classes after check-in. Barrows shall not weigh less than 230 pounds and not more than 290 pounds. Barrows will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.
8. Any breed may, at the discretion of the Division Chairman, be divided into appropriate subdivisions according to weights at the show.
9. The following is a list of barrow breeds and the order in which they will be judged:
  - BREED 1 – DUROC
  - BREED 2 – OTHER PUREBREDS
  - BREED 3 – HAMPSHIRE
  - BREED 4 – CROSSBRED
10. Following completion of breed placing, the judge will place the sale order of the barrows.
11. The Champion and Reserve Champion Barrow of each breed classification shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.
12. No bedding hays.
13. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.

- b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  - c. The addition of any dust, dry soap, hair, or hair like substances
  - d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  - e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.
  - f. No oil, paint, powder, or other dressing will be permitted on swine (ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED).
14. The use of drugs not approved for swine used for human consumption will not be allowed.
15. EXCEPT FOR SALE ANIMALS, ALL HOGS WILL BE RELEASED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW. ALL HOGS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 12:00 NOON. ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED. RELEASE FORMS WILL BE COMPLETED AND GIVEN TO THE EXHIBITOR, PARENT, AG TEACHER, OR 4-H LEADER AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN OR WHEN THE EXHIBITOR IS GIVEN THEIR EXHIBITOR NUMBER.
16. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.
17. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

NOTE: After entry deadline date it will be at the discretion of the Division Chairman and the Livestock Rules Committee whether or not to sift barrows.

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<https://mcfa.org/events/market-barrow-show/>

## MARKET LAMB DIVISION

Arrival Time – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am – 11:00 am

Weigh-in Time – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – called by breeds in order of show

Judging Date – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.
2. All Market Lambs to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **December 5, 2023**. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the lamb at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Tag-in will be held **December 5, 2023**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Lambs will be nose printed. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in off animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
3. All lambs must have official tags on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631.
4. Determination of lamb's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics which indicate that the subject animal has the required blood relating to the class to which it is entered. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the date of registration. Lambs must be sheared 45 days prior to tag-in.**
5. Only wether lambs may be shown.
6. All lambs, with the exception of Southdowns, must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds. Southdown lambs must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit placed on lambs. When an exhibitor presents his/her lamb to be weighed, it is understood that the weight will be recorded and become official. Each lamb will be weighed one (1) time only.
7. Any lamb showing live testicular tissue or excessive ram characteristics will be sifted.
8. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up, at the time of the show. All exhibitors will be responsible for shearing of their own lambs.
9. Haltered or collared lambs will be permitted in the show arena.
10. The champion and Reserve Champion Lamb of each breed classification will be eligible to compete and shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.
11. Following completion of placing, the judge will place sale order of the lambs.
12. No bedding hays.
13. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.
  - b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  - c. The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances.
  - d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  - e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.

14. Lambs will be secured at night by exhibitor.
15. Classes will be established for each breed and set by weight. The number of classes and animals per class will be at the discretion of the Lamb Committee Chairman.
16. The following is a list of lamb breeds and the order in which they will be judged:  
BREED 1 – SOUTHDOWN, FINE WOOL, AND FINE WOOL CROSS  
BREED 2 – MEDIUM WOOL
17. The use of drugs not approved for lambs used for human consumption will not be allowed.
18. Except for sale animals, all lambs will be released immediately following the lamb show. All lambs must be checked out by 7:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.
19. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.
20. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

**JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY \$5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/market-lamb-show/>

## MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

Arrival Time – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 am – 8:00 am, Pre-Weigh-in

Weigh-in Time – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Judging Date – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules (ARBA & TRBA eliminations and disqualifications to apply). This is a youth show. A youth must present and remove the meat pen. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due when Intent to Show forms are turned in. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
2. Eligibility as per General Rules – one (1) pen per exhibitor.
3. Only meat pens will be shown. The following is the Rabbit class: Class – Pen of three (3) rabbits. A pen consists of three (3) rabbits, either sex, same breed, and variety, not over 70 days old, and weight not UNDER 3 ½ pounds each not to exceed 5 ½ pounds each. **Breed date for rabbits is **January 6, 2024**. Exhibitors may only tag their rabbits for Montgomery County.**
4. All rabbits will be weighed at designated time. A pen which is overweight or diseased will be sifted and immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. First three (3) rabbits weighed will be the pen, no substitutions. Legible ARBA tattoo in left ear.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for providing equipment, feed, and water for their rabbits at all times. Exhibitors who fail to comply with this rule will not be allowed to show the following year.
6. NO CARRYING CAGES, FEED, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE SHOW AREA.
7. The use of drugs not approved for rabbits used for human consumption will not be allowed.
8. Exhibitors must own the doe(s) by **November 17, 2023**. Only offspring from this doe(s) will be eligible for the meat pen.
9. To enter AND be eligible to show, exhibitors must turn in a Market Rabbit Intent to Show form by **November 17, 2023**, by 5:00 pm. Forms may be emailed to [intents@mcfa.org](mailto:intents@mcfa.org). If a form is mailed or hand-delivered, it must be IN THE OFFICE by the aforementioned deadline date. NO FAXES ACCEPTED.
10. Tag-in will be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the County Extension Office (back room). All rabbits must have a legible ARBA tattoo in left ear prior to arrival at tag-in. **NO MORE THAN TWENTY (20) RABBITS PER EXHIBITOR MAY BE TAGGED IN. MCFA WILL PLACE A PERMANENT TATTOO IN THE RIGHT EAR.** Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards.
11. Entries must be completed by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/pen (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

**ONLY RABBITS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THE MCFA MARKET RABBIT DIVISION ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP. JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY \$5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

**ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/market-rabbit-show/>

## **BROILER DIVISION**

Arrival & Check-in Time – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Judging Date – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due by broiler order deadline of **November 17, 2023**. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
2. Only broiler pens will be shown. A pen consists of three (3) broilers. One (1) pen per exhibitor.
3. The first three (3) broilers presented to the sifter will be the pen. No substitutions. Judging will begin when birds are presented at the sift.
4. Broiler pens will be sifted prior to entry into the show. The sift will consist of a check for breast blisters, bruises, and lack of fleshing. Any one (1) broiler failing the sift will eliminate the entire pen. Any bird not appearing healthy will require the sifting of the entire pen.
5. Sifted broilers will be turned over to the Montgomery County Fair Association for removal from Fairgrounds.
6. All birds must be cared for by the exhibitor. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FEED AND WATER FOR THEIR PEN OF BROILERS. EXHIBITORS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**
7. Broiler Order Forms are due to the Fair Office by **November 17, 2023**, by 5:00 pm. FFA chapters must complete the Broiler Order Form with payment in full to the Fair Office. 4-H groups must contact the County Extension Office for their broiler orders. The Extension Office will turn all 4-H orders in to the Fair Office by the deadline mentioned above. All birds will be ordered through the Montgomery County Fair Office immediately after **November 17, 2023**. A minimum of fifty (50) birds must be ordered, and in increments of fifty (50), with a maximum of 100 birds per exhibitor. Birds may be ordered and exhibited by exhibitor only. No family orders will be allowed. **ONCE BIRDS HAVE BEEN ORDERED, NO CHANGES IN NAME CAN BE MADE. A MAXIMUM OF 100 BIRDS PER EXHIBITOR CAN BE ORDERED.**
8. Broiler delivery/pick-up will be Friday, **March 1, 2024**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Master Gardeners Building located next door to the Extension Office.
9. All birds will be wing-banded at time of purchase. No bird will be shown without wing-band in place. One (1) bird in the pen without a wing-band will sift the entire pen. Bands will be checked for number and condition.
10. No carrying cages, feed, etc. will be allowed to remain in the show area.
11. The use of drugs not approved for Poultry used for human consumption will not be allowed.
12. Entries must be completed by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/pen (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).
13. A helper of an exhibitor must be a current member in good standing of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

**THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR BROILERS. ALL BROILERS ENTERING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WILL BELONG TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/turkey-broiler-show/>

## TURKEY DIVISION

Arrival & Check-in Time – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Judging Date – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due when Intent to Show Forms are due on November 17, 2023. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
2. A pen consists of one (1) turkey. HENS OR TOMS MAY BE EXHIBITED.
3. One (1) entry per exhibitor.
4. Each pen of one (1) bird must weigh at least fifteen (15) pounds with no maximum weight.
5. Pens will be sifted prior to entry into the show. This sift will consist of a check for breast blisters, bruises, and weight. Any bird not appearing healthy will be sifted.
6. Sifted turkeys will be turned over to the Montgomery County Fair Association for removal from Fairgrounds.
7. The first turkey presented to the sifter will be the pen. No substitutions.
8. All turkeys must be ordered through Texas A&M University. Exhibitors are responsible for placing their own order for their turkeys. Turkey Intent-To-Show forms must match the original order. If family ordered, each family member must be listed on Intent-To-Show form.
9. Wing band numbers must be turned in to the Fair Office by November 17, 2023, along with the Turkey Intent-To-Show form. Forms may be emailed to [intents@mcfa.org](mailto:intents@mcfa.org). If a form is mailed or hand-delivered, it must be IN THE FAIR OFFICE by the aforementioned deadline date. NO FAXES ACCEPTED. NO TURKEY WILL BE SHOWN WITHOU WING-BAND IN PLACE. BANDS WILL BE CHECKED FOR NUMBER AND CONDITION.
10. All birds must be cared for by the exhibitor. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FEED AND WATER FOR THEIR ENTRY. EXHIBITORS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL OT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**
11. NO CARRYING CAGES, FEED, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE SHOW AREA.
12. The use of drugs not approved for turkeys used for human consumption will not be allowed.
13. Entries must be completed by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/pen (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).
14. A helper of an exhibitor must be a current member in good standing of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

**THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR TURKEYS. ALL TURKEYS ENTERING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WILL BELONG TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/turkey-broiler-show/>

## MARKET GOAT DIVISION

Arrival Time – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am – 11:00 am

Weigh-in Time – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am

Judging Date – Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.
2. All market goats to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **December 5, 2023**. Market goats will be toothed at this time and must have milk teeth in place and be showing no permanent teeth. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the goat at the time of tag-in. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Tag-in will be held **December 5, 2023**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Goats will be tattooed, and DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitor should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
3. All goats must have official tags on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631. **A fee of \$300.00 will be assessed should a goat lose both ear tags and it is determined that DNA testing is required for proper identification.**
4. This show is open to any breed of wether goat. Goats must be wethers before weigh-in and show no signs of testicular development.
5. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and not over 130 pounds at the official weigh-in. Goats will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight. Goats will be weighed with the collars off.
6. Goats must be summer shorn above the knee and hock to a length less than 3/8" before the animal is allowed to cross the weigh scale. Removal of horns on grounds is not permitted. Goats must be dehorned or horns tipped. End of tipped horns must be greater than the diameter of a dime at the time of weigh-in.
7. Each exhibitor must be able to show his/her goat unassisted. Haltered or collared goats will be permitted in the show arena.
8. The first and second place goats of each class will be eligible to compete and shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the Show.
9. Following completion of placing, the judge will place sale order of the goats.
10. No bedding hays.
11. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.
  - b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  - c. The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances.
  - d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  - e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid, under the hide to alter the normal conformation.
12. Goats will be secured at night by exhibitor.



13. Classes will be established by weight. The number of classes and animals per class will be at the discretion of the Goat Committee.
14. The use of drugs not approved for goats used for human consumption will not be allowed.
15. Except for sale animals, all goats will be released immediately following the goat show. All goats must be checked out by 8:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.
16. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.
17. Entries must be completed by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

**JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY \$5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

<https://mcfa.org/events/market-goat-show>

## FILLY AND GELDING DIVISION

Arrival & Check-in Time – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Judging Date – Monday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am

RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW (must be checked out two (2) hours after completion of the show)

1. This Division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.
2. All animals to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **October 17, 2023**.
3. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of four (4) horses and show a total of three (3). Please see guidelines below:
  - a. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of two (2) yearlings, however, they may only show one (1).
  - b. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of one (1) two-year-old and show the tagged two-year-old.
  - c. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of one (1) three-year-old and show the tagged three-year old.
4. Tag-in will be held on Tuesday, **October 17, 2023**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Rodeo Arena on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. **ANIMAL MUST BE PRESENT**. Exhibitor must present a **LEGIBLE** color photograph of himself and the animal at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted. Animal may only be shown by exhibitor designated at tag-in date during the feeding period.** NOTE: The feeding period for all animals shown in the Filly and Gelding Division is the tag-in date through the date of the Filly and Gelding show at the **2024** Montgomery County Fair. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
5. At tag-in on **October 17, 2023**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, an original proof of negative Coggins Test and a copy of registration papers or breeder's certificate must accompany the animal. Failure to present aforementioned paperwork in the designated registration hours will result in the forfeiture of registration and participation in the **2024** Filly and Gelding Division. Absolutely no exceptions will be made for any reason.
6. Animals of the following Breed Association may enter: American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., and Arabian Horse Association. Either filly or gelding. No stallions allowed under any circumstance. Horse must be gelded by check-in on **April 15, 2024**. If horse is tagged-in as a Quarter Horse, it must show as such.
7. All foals must be born between January 1 and June 30, **2023**.
8. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE **ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS IN THEIR NAME** and available for inspection when he/she arrives at the fairgrounds for check-in on **April 15, 2024**. A letter saying the registration has been received and/or is in process does not count or replace registration papers. Absolutely no exceptions will be made. Please make sure to apply for registration papers as soon as you tag-in, if not before.
9. At check-in on **April 15, 2024**, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, the following paperwork must accompany the animal:
  - a. Current original proof of negative Coggins test.
  - b. Original registration papers in the exhibitor's name.
  - c. A general health exam certificate from a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of the show (to prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as influenza and vesicular stomatitis, etc.).
  - d. Completed drug form.Failure to present aforementioned paperwork on the designated date and hours of arrival to the fairgrounds for check-in will result in the forfeiture of participation in the **2024** Filly and Gelding Division. No exceptions will be made for documentation and no extra time will be given under any circumstance.

10. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
- No change to the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.
  - Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  - The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances if not allowed.
  - The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide is not allowed.
  - The removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal is not allowed.
  - The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid, under the hide to alter the normal confirmation is not allowed.
11. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT TWO (2) HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF SHOW.**
12. Parents or other Adults will not be allowed in the arena or to assist the Junior Exhibitors during judging.
13. The Fair Association will contribute \$4,800.00 in premium pay-out and \$3,000.00 in scholarships to the Yearling group winners only.
14. Belt buckles and banners will be awarded to hi-point winners. To be eligible for hi-point, the exhibitor MUST show in all four (4) classes.
15. Entries must be completed by **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).
16. Classes will be as follows:

**YEARLINGS:**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Class 1: Performance Halter - Filly	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 2: Performance Halter - Gelding	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 3: Senior Showmanship	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 4: Junior Showmanship	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 5: Senior Longe Line	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 6: Junior Longe Line	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 7: Senior In-Hand Trail	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
Class 8: Junior In-Hand Trail	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$600
<b>PREMIUM PAY OUT TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,800</b>

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS:**

<b>CLASS:</b>
Class 1: Performance Halter - Filly
Class 2: Performance Halter - Gelding
Class 3: Senior Showmanship
Class 4: Junior Showmanship
Class 5: Senior Longe Line
Class 6: Junior Longe Line
Class 7: Senior In-Hand Trail
Class 8: Junior In-Hand Trail

**THREE-YEAR-OLDS:**

<b>CLASS:</b>
Class 1: Performance Halter - Filly
Class 2: Performance Halter - Gelding
Class 3: Senior Showmanship
Class 4: Junior Showmanship
Class 5: Senior Longe Line
Class 6: Junior Longe Line
Class 7: Senior In-Hand Trail
Class 8: Junior In-Hand Trail

<https://mcfa.org/events/filly-gelding-show/>

## REPLACEMENT HEIFER DIVISION & AUCTION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am – 9:15 am

Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 am – 9:15 am

Judging Date – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am (sale meeting immediately following)

Sale – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

THIS PROJECT IS IN ADDITION TO THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS. 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS CAN SELL IN THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS IN THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION. (EXAMPLE: YOU CAN SELL A HEIFER IN ADDITION TO A BARROW, LAMB, BROILERS, RABBIT, STEER, OR TURKEY.) HOWEVER, EXHIBITOR MUST ABIDE BY THE GENERAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES AND THESE DIVISION RULES.

1. All Junior Replacement Heifers to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by **October 10, 2023**. Each exhibitor can tag, weigh, and register two (2) animals, but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself/herself and the heifer at the time of registration, which will be held on **October 10, 2023**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Heifers will be nose printed and DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian **MUST** be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. Exhibitor must bring with them a statement signed by the breeder showing the heifer's approximate birth date. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 4), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each application will be reviewed for compliance.
2. All heifers must have official tag on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose your tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631.
3. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by Montgomery County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag. Teachers and County Agents.
4. The Junior Replacement Heifer Show and Sale, is an opportunity for Junior exhibitors to show and sell replacement heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Scramble heifer participation in the Replacement Heifer Show must be tagged in on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** but the exhibitor can decide later whether they want to show and sell the heifer.
5. All heifers must be brucellosis calf hood vaccinated by the initial weigh-in on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. They must have a tattoo and the exhibitor may bring vaccination papers with them. Heifers must be de-horned **BEFORE** weigh-in on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.
6. No grooming material is allowed. This is a "Blow and Go" show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state **WITHOUT** the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Heifers will be toweled.
7. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
8. The following age heifers will be eligible to show: Heifers born **July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023**.
9. Classes will be broken by weights and number of classes will be determined per number of entries.
10. Additional program dates will be set and exhibitors will be notified.
11. Heifers will be weighed in for the Fair on **April 18, 2024**, beginning at 8:15 am. Heifers will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.
12. If heifers are to be sold as registered, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name, and turned in to the Chairman prior to the show.

13. The show will open **April 18, 2024**, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors, which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.

**FOR RECORDBOOK COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION:**

14. Exhibitors will be required to complete all aspects of the Replacement Heifer Project to be eligible to sell their animal. Exhibitors will be judged as follows: 25% on record book and project closeout summary, 25% on interview, 25% on test, and 25% on calf placement in show.

15. To complete the record book and closeout summary, the exhibitors must weigh back their heifer prior to closeout date of **March 8, 2024**; ending weight **MUST** be documented in the closeout summary.

16. Record book and closeout summary sheet completion is required by **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. The record book with completed closeout summary sheet is due in the Fair Office on **March 11<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm**. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED** nor will items placed in the drop box be accepted.

17. The summary sheet will be used by the judges to conduct interviews on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. NOTE: all interviews and testing will be completed on the same day and all exhibitors must participate in **BOTH** to be eligible to sell their heifer.

**FOR AWARDS, SALE PROCEDUES AND RULES:**

18. Ribbons will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> places. A Grand and Reserve Banner will be given at the Heifer Show and to the overall winners. A Showmanship award will be given.

19. All heifers must sell on Thursday. Cattle will sell beginning with Grand through 10<sup>th</sup> place. All others will be drawn at random. Any heifer weighing in at 700 lbs. or less **will not be able to show or sale**. A 5% sales fee will be deducted from each sale.

20. **HEIFERS THAT ARE TO BE REPRESENTED AS PREGNANT AT THE TIME OF SALE, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM A VETERINARIAN THAT THE HEIFER HAS BEEN PALPATED AND A PREGNANCY EXAM PERFORMED VERIFYING SAID PREGNANCY.**

21. All heifers will be released after the sale by the Committee.

22. In order to comply with the national law on the beef check-off, two dollars (\$2.00) will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.

23. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyers and will remain sold. **THERE SHALL BE NO RESALE OF THE HEIFERS BACK TO THE EXHIBITOR.** Montgomery County Fair Association will not act as an agent in the resale of the heifer. Buyers must pay for the heifers the day of the sale. The halter that the calf has on when it is sold becomes the property of the buyer.

24. All exhibitors who sell **MUST HAVE THANK YOU LETTER(S)** to their buyer, their receipt of delivery, and their social security number to the Fair Office **WHEN CHECKS ARE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, June 11, 2024, BY 5:00 PM. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 25, 2024, WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

25. The following scholarship money will be given:

- a. \$1,500 for First Place overall
- b. 1,000 for Second Place overall
- c. \$500 for Third Place overall

The scholarship money will be funded directly to the college, university, or institution of higher learning of the exhibitor's choice upon satisfactory proof of enrollment. Scholarship must be used within one (1) year from date of graduation of high school.

26. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm with a \$20 entry fee/head (see page five (5) of Rule Book for online entry details).

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<https://mcfa.org/events/replacement-heifer-show>

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Date: Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

On Site Registration Time: 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Contest Time: 9:00 am

Entry Fee: \$20 per team and \$5 per individual

1. Each FFA Chapter or County 4-H may enter as many teams as they wish. Each team will be comprised of three (3) or four (4) members with the three (3) highest scores used for tabulation. Individuals may also judge.
2. There will be two (2) age divisions: junior and senior. The junior division will consist of members who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or below. The senior division will consist of students in the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Younger students may move up to the senior division, if necessary, but older students cannot move down. There will be no separate divisions for 4-H and FFA.
3. Twelve (12) placing classes will be available for judging. There will also be a question class. Official FFA scantron sheets must be used. Students, Chapters, or Clubs should bring their own scantrons. Scantrons will be available to purchase onsite for \$1.00 per sheet if needed. The officials will place and give reasons at the conclusion of the contest. **Texas FFA CDE Rules will apply!**
4. The top five (5) teams in each division will receive plaques. Individual awards will include: belt buckle for high point senior and junior, and plaques for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place.
5. The entry fee is \$20.00 per team or \$5.00 per individual. Contestants may pre-register or register onsite the day of the event.
6. County animals, including sale animals, may be used in judging contest.
7. For entry forms or information, please visit <https://mcfa.org/events/livestock-judging/> or contact the Montgomery County Fair Association, P. O. Box 869, Conroe, TX 77305 (936 760-3631)
8. The contest will open Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officer and/or Board of Directors, which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
9. The Officer and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment, may deem advisable.

<https://mcfa.org/events/livestock-judging/>

## **AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW**

Check-in: Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm You must be in line by 6:00 pm

Judging Date: Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Awards: Saturday, following judging

Check-out: Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

### **Purpose of the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show**

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs.
2. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
3. To recognize individuals and groups accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.
4. To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA programs.

### **Awards**

Blue ribbon – 90 to 100 points

Red ribbon – 60 to 89 points

White ribbon – 70 to 78 points

Leather ribbons will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division. Buckles will be presented to the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion project of the show. A sweepstakes award will be presented to the school with the most points from all projects.

### **Projects will be judged on the following point system:**

Workmanship	30 points
Design & Materials used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
General Appearance and Finish	10 points
Documentation & Presentation	10 points

### **Rules**

1. All Agricultural Mechanics Projects are subject to the Montgomery County Fair Association general rules and regulations.
2. Projects exhibited must have been constructed and fabricated by FFA and 4-H members as part of their agriculture mechanics instruction in Agricultural Science class or as part of their supervised work experience program.
3. All projects must be clean, painted or treated, and in presentable condition even though they may have been used.
4. A working plan, blueprint or drawing, photographs showing construction, and bill of materials are required to be submitted with each project entered.
5. All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards or computer-generated cards that include the exhibitors name(s), chapter or club, school, and project description.
6. A project can be exhibited only one (1) time at the Montgomery County Fair and must have been completed within one (1) calendar year of the exhibition date.

7. **Projects can be individually or group of four (4) constructed and may be individually or chapter owned. All projects must be entered (in the maximum of four (4) exhibitors) names of who participated in planning and construction of the project.**
8. Classes with less than four (4) entries are subject to being combined.
9. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Montgomery County Fair nor the officials of this show will be responsible for any losses or damages to projects.
10. Main structure of project must be fabricated in metal for all divisions.
11. Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as found on self-feeder, roofs, bale movers, etc., are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. **Items that lack sufficient support will be laid down, supported, or removed from the display area.**
12. All trailers and other projects to be towed on public roads must be registered and licensed and must meet current Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regulations. A copy of registration is required at check-in.
13. There is to be no more than two (2) gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape. The battery is to be disconnected. This applies to all engines in the exhibit area.
14. No "For Sale" signs may be placed on projects.
15. All judge's decisions and announced results will be final.
16. An entry fee of \$20.00 will be charged per project of (four (4) exhibitors) entered.
17. Entries must be completed and turned in by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, at 5:00 pm. No late entries will be accepted. Go to [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org) to enter online and submit payment or you can email entries to [agmechanshow@mcfa.org](mailto:agmechanshow@mcfa.org) and payment mailed or taken over the phone with a credit card.
18. The show will open **April 13, 2024**, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
19. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment may deem advisable.
20. **Entry updates will be requested 10 days prior to check in of the show.**

**THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED:**

Division I – Ag. Machinery and Equipment – must meet current ASABE standards.

- Hay handling equipment
- Spray equipment
- Mounted or pull type equipment
- Hydraulic equipment
- Shop equipment
- Truck trailer, and ag equipment accessories

Division II – Automotive Truck Equipment

- Truck beds
- Bumpers
- Fuel tanks
- Headache racks
- Tool boxes



- Bush guards

Division III – Livestock Equipment

- Gates and livestock panels
- Squeeze chute and restraining equipment
- Trim chutes, blocking stands, and livestock moving equipment
- Head gates
- Feeders, self-feeders, and creep feeders

Division IV – Wildlife Equipment

- Wildlife feeders
- Wildlife blinds
- Wildlife traps

Division V – BBQ pits – Fire pits

- BBQ pits
- Fire pits

Division VI – Trailers

- Utility trailers
- Stock trailers
- Implement trailers
  - Section A. 16' and under
  - Section B. Over 16'

Division VII – Miscellaneous

- Benches, tables, and other projects that do not fit specifics above.

**ENTRY FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE – <https://mcfa.org/events/ag-mechanics/>**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**JUNION NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

Online Entry & Payment Dates:

January 22 – February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm

Online Entry Submission Website: [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org)

Notice: Check-In for the Photography Show is at the Fair Office, Monday, March 25 – Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 – Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm. Read the Photography Show Rules for Detailed Instructions.

ALL SHOWS ARE IN THE EXHIBIT BUILDING. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNAGE PROVIDED THE DAY OF YOUR SHOW FOR EASY ACCESS AS ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING MAY BE LIMITED.

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

**FINE ARTS, NEEDLECRAFT, PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS, and  
HOMEMAKING SHOWS: CAKES FROM SCRATCH, PIES, QUICK BREAD, & CANNED FOODS**

<b>CHECK-IN for all Friday Shows except Photography (see above):</b>	<b>7:00 am – 9:00 am</b>
<b>PRELIMINARY JUDGING:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>FINALIST &amp; HONORABLE MENTION RESULTS:</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>NON-FINALIST &amp; HONORABLE MENTION ENTRY PICK-UP:</b> Entries not picked up by 3:30 pm become the property of MCFA and can be immediately disposed of. <b>10 FINALIST ENTRIES WILL REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b>
<b>FINAL JUDGING &amp; INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 6:30 pm</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS &amp; SALE ORDER:</b>	<b>Saturday, April 13, 8:30 pm</b>

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**HANDICRAFT I, HANDICRAFT II & HORTICULTURE SHOWS and  
HOMEMAKING SHOWS: DECORATED CAKES, CAKES FROM MIX, COOKIES, CANDY, & YEAST BREAD**

<b>CHECK-IN:</b>	<b>7:00 am – 9:00 am</b>
<b>PRELIMINARY JUDGING:</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>FINALIST &amp; HONORABLE MENTION RESULTS:</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>NON-FINALIST &amp; HONORABLE MENTION ENTRY PICK-UP:</b> Entries not picked up by 3:30 pm become the property of MCFA and can be immediately disposed of. <b>10 FINALIST ENTRIES WILL REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b>
<b>FINAL JUDGING &amp; INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 6:30 pm</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS &amp; SALE ORDER:</b> (TOP 5 WINNERS IN EACH SHOW AND AUCTION SALE ORDER)	<b>8:30 pm</b>
<b>AUCTION SALE MEETING:</b>	Immediately Following Announcement of Winners & Sale order

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

**AUCTION DAY**

<b>ALL AUCTION SALE ITEMS DUE:</b> (Original Non-Food Projects and Fresh Food Items)	<b>8:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>CHECK-IN FOR AUCTION WINNERS:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>NON-LIVESTOCK AUCTION:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PICK UP OF ENTRIES, FINAL INTERVIEWS, OR THE AUCTION THAT ARE NOT IN THE RULES WILL BE HANDED TO YOU WHEN APPROPRIATE. PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

**NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS MAY BE PLACED ON ANY ENTRY.**

**ARMBANDS OR SEASON PASSES MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE GATE TO GAIN FREE ENTRY. ALL OTHERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY.**

**ALL CURRENT SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIRED MEASURES WILL BE POSTED ON THE MCFA WEBSITE, ON THE FAIR GROUNDS, AND AT OUR SHOW. PLEASE UNDERSTAND ANY CHANGES PUT IN PLACE ARE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND GUESTS. YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2024 JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW.**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 3 TO PAGE 66 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS, AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgement, may deem advisable.

Any exhibitor and/or his/her representative who violates any of the General Rules or special rules as published in these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

In order to participate in the Montgomery County Fair, each exhibitor, and his/her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Montgomery County Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his/her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, and volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show, and/or Auction.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. The Show will open **April 12, 2024**, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
2. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgement, may deem advisable.
3. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officer-in-Charge, or Committeemen will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident, etc.
4. Each exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, judges, volunteers, spectators, and/or visitors violating and/or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, officer-in-charge, division chairmen, committeemen, and/or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, and etc., may not be allowed to enter and/or participate, may have their entries cancelled and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.
5. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following during the current school year:
  - a) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter meetings from September through February.
  - b) 4-H enrolled members must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings or other contests.
  - c) FHA – must be an active member in this school related club.
  - d) Enrolled in a public, parochial, or private school class, **which is related to the entry** (example: art class, photography class, etc.). Must be 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old as of August 31, 2023, to enter. **Students will be required to provide a completed eligibility form regarding grades and attendance. The form will be provided by MCFA and will appear at [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org) by March 4, 2024, and must be signed and completed by a parent/guardian **and** an appropriate school designee between April 2 and April 11, 2024. The completed form is to be turned in with the entry on the show day at check-in. Exhibitors with only Photography entries may turn in the form at the Fair Office between April 3 – April 11, 2024.**

- e) Home Educated Student – must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule b) above. Only home educated students, whom would have attended a private, public, or parochial school within Montgomery County, are eligible to show.
6. Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) OR (B) below, all Entrants and Exhibitors must reside in Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian, and sleeps in Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week), and must be enrolled and attending classes in private, public, parochial school, or be a home educated student in elementary or secondary schools at the time of registration.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (A): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent, or legal guardian, and sleeps outside Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries the student is **zoned** to attend public school inside Montgomery County, the student must be a member in good standing and attend a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (B): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent, or legal guardian, and sleeps outside Montgomery County five (5) or more nights each week), but because parents, parent, or legal guardian is employed by a private, public, or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County and the Entrant or Exhibitor is enrolled and attending classes in the same private, public, or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County, the student must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery 4-H Club or FFA.

Any Entrant or Exhibitor who qualifies under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. This form must be received in the Montgomery County Fair Office, P. O. Box 869, Conroe, TX 77305 by **February 2, 2024**.

7. Any individual serving as Chairman, Assistant Chairman, or Judge cannot allow his/her children to participate in the show in which he/she serves as Chairman, Assistant Chairman, or Judge. Any individual serving as a committeeman (worker) cannot be present at the judging of the show in which he/she is working if his/her children are participating in that show, nor can he/she judge that show. **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED DURING JUDGING. NO TEACHER OR LEADER OF AN EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA THEIR STUDENTS PROJECT IS ENTERED IN DURING PRELIMINARY AND/OR FINAL JUDGING.**
8. Exhibits must be entered only by the individual making or creating it.
9. Previous entries (excluding foods) in the Montgomery County Fair are not eligible for re-entry.
10. No "For Sale" signs may be placed on items during show or while on display.
11. Show winner Recognition and Sale Placement Announcements:
- Exhibitors may sell only ONE (1) entry in the auction.
  - Exhibitors will be recognized for their show placement in Grand through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each department/division and awards will be presented.
  - Final Sale Order will be announced IMMEDIATELY following the winner recognition.
  - If an exhibitor has entries in the Top Ten of multiple departments/divisions, they will be required to declare which item they prefer to sell at auction by completing the Sale Item Confirmation Letter, provided by the committee prior to the start of finals judging.
  - In the event of an equal placement in Grand through 5<sup>th</sup> place, the aforementioned Sale Item Confirmation Letter will decide which item will be sold.
  - An exhibitor is NOT permitted to drop a Grand or Reserve Champion entry to sell an entry of lower sale placement.

12. **THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE PRESENT IN PERSON DURING THE AUCTION.**  
EXCEPTION: A substitute showman may be allowed if the individual is participating in an MCFA show at the time of the Non-Livestock Auction.
13. Junior Exhibitors who had a Grand Champion in the Junior Non-Livestock Show & Sale in the 2023 Montgomery County Fair will not be eligible to compete in that show, department, or division for the 2024 Montgomery County Fair.
14. The 2024 online entry window will begin at 9 am on Monday, January 22, 2024, and end at 5 pm on Friday, February 2, 2024, on the Montgomery County Fair official website – <https://mcfa.org/>. Individuals wishing to compete in the Junior Non-Livestock Show must complete an online entry for EACH ITEM THEY WISH TO EXHIBIT. Entries may be completed and paid for in person at the fair office by 5:00 pm, Friday, February 2, 2024, if means to complete online are not accessible by the individual. An entry fee of \$10.00 per ITEM ENTERED will be charged – NO REFUNDS. SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR, CEA/VAT, OR 4-H MANAGER FAIL TO GET AN ENTRY FORM IN BY THE ENTRY DUE DATE, A LATE FEE OF \$250.00 PER ENTRY WILL BE APPLIED PLUS THE ENTRY FEE(S). There is a two-week window to submit late entries. The two-week window will begin after 5:00 pm on Friday, February 2, 2024, and will end at 5 pm on Friday, February 16, 2024. IN ORDER TO SUBMIT LATE ENTRIES, THE FAIR OFFICE MUST BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE OR IN-PERSON FOR ENTRY OR ENTRIES TO BE ENTERED. ALL LATE ENTRIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE \$250.00 LATE ENTRY FEE MENTIONED ABOVE. All exhibitors will receive an armband which entitles them free entry to the Fairgrounds from April 12 – April 14, 2024. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for a lost armband.
15. All exhibits will be monitored, and every precaution will be taken to protect all entries, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage.
16. Exhibits will be judged and awarded blue (excellent), red (good), and white (fair) ribbons. At the discretion of the judges, finalist ribbons and honorable mention ribbons will be presented.
17. Articles not going to final judging must be picked up between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm on the day of their show by presentation of the Exhibitor's entry number that will be issued at registration. Entries not picked up by 3:30 pm will become property of MCFA and can be immediately disposed of.
18. Special rules also apply for each of the following Junior Shows: Fine Arts, Photography, Horticulture, Homemaking, Needlecraft, and Handicraft.
19. IT IS MANDATORY THAT EXHIBITORS OF ALL AUCTION ITEMS BRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) TO HIS/HER BUYER(S), TO THE FAIR OFFICE. THE FAIR OFFICE WILL MAIL THE THANK YOU LETTERS AND BUYER'S PICTURES. ONLY PARENTS AND/OR THE EXHIBITOR MAY PICK UP CHECKS AT THE FAIR OFFICE. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST ALSO HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAX I.D. NUMBER BEFORE CHECKS WILL RE RELEASED. **CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024. ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024, BY 5:00 PM. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 25, 2024, WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**
20. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check for any and all monies received through the Fair Association. In addition, the cost of pictures will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check.
21. For the 2024 Fair, it is expected that approximately five (5) cakes from scratch, five (5) cakes from mix, five (5) cookies, five (5) candies, five (5) pies, five (5) decorated cakes, five (5) quick breads, five (5) yeast breads, five (5) canned foods, five (5) handicraft I, five (5) handicraft II, five (5) horticulture, five (5) needlecraft, five (5) fine arts, and five (5) photography (for a total of seventy five (75) items) to be auctioned.
22. An exhibitor removing his/her entry prior to 2:00 pm on the day of their show will automatically forfeit his/her ribbon. NO EXCEPTIONS.
23. An exhibitor cannot enter and/or sell an item in the Special Education Auction and in the Junior Non-Livestock Auction.

24. The exhibitor, one (1) member of the immediate family, or teacher can bring entries to the show. No one else will be permitted into the Exhibit Building Area.
25. An entry winning Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> place that is left in the exhibit hall until Auction, is left at the exhibitor's risk.
26. Should a family member purchase their own child's (whether by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child, exchange student, grandchild, ward, etc.) exhibit, said exhibit must be paid for before the exhibitor will receive his/her check from the Fair Office.
27. **ANY EXHIBITOR WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SAME TO THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR EVENT BEGINS SO THAT THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.**
28. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth from page 34 to 49 must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Office and notice given to the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman immediately after occasion for such protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done. All protests will be determined by a special committee made up of five (5) members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairman, and three other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the protest special committee shall be final, without recourse against the Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. (see General Provisions set forth beginning on page 36).
29. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to amend the provisions of the show with regard to health and safety issues of handling food items.
30. All entries will be judged in the show and category in which it was entered by the exhibitor. After the entry deadline has passed, there will be no changes permitted to the entry. If you have questions about which department or division your entry should be in, please call the Fair Office for directions. If an entry was entered in the wrong department or division, it will only receive a white ribbon, and will not be eligible for Top ten (10) or Honorable Mention placement.

## JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW

The general provisions for the Jr. Non-Livestock Show apply to the Homemaking Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of NINE (9) entries in this show.
2. You may enter ONE (1) item in each Homemaking Division.
3. Online Entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, **February 2, 2024**, by 5:00 pm (see page **38** for online entry details).
4. All entries will be judged in the category in which it was entered by the exhibitor. After the entry deadline has passed, there will be no changes permitted to the entry. If you have questions about which department or division your entry should be in, please call the fair office for direction. If an entry was entered in the wrong department or division, it will only receive a white ribbon, and will not be eligible for Top 10 or Honorable Mention placement.
5. All entries **MAY** be tasted including decorated cakes. All ingredients are to be from scratch unless otherwise stated.
6. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> in **ALL** divisions **will be required to have a duplicate of the winning entry to sell the night of the auction, EXCLUDING decorated cakes.**
7. **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRIES.**
8. **ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## RECIPE/LOG SHEET SUBMISSION

For the **2024** Fair, you will submit all recipes and log sheets (IF REQUIRED), **THE DAY OF THE SHOW ONLY**, when your entry is checked in.

1. Each entry recipe will be accepted in the following format:
  - a) Hand-written or typed on an index card which are approximately 3" x 5", front only, do not write on the back. Multiple cards may be used.
  - b) All recipes must be stapled in the top left-hand corner.
  - c) **THE RECIPE SUBMITTED BECOMES PROPERTY OF MCFA AND WILL BE DESTROYED.**
2. Log Sheets are only required for Decorated Cakes and Canned Foods entries in this Show. See Log sheet for details, available online.
3. If you do not turn in a recipe and/or log sheet the day of the show with your entry, your entry will not be judged.



## JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW DEPARTMENTS

### DEPARTMENT: DESSERTS

- ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

#### DIVISION: CAKES FROM SCRATCH

- No pre-packaged mixes can be used in the cake or topping.
- Presentation for cakes, cupcakes, and cake balls:
  - Must be on a stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil.
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on all sides.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.
- Cheesecakes will be accepted if they do not require refrigeration.

#### DIVISION: CAKES FROM MIXES

- Recipe must include:
  - Type of cake mix and topping used as base in recipe.
  - Any additional ingredients added to complete the cake and topping.
  - All mixing and baking instruction; any additional preparation instructions.
- Presentation for cakes, cupcakes, and cake balls:
  - Must be on a stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil.
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on all sides.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.

#### DIVISION: DECORATED CAKES

- Cake must be fresh and consumable at the time of judging as items may be cut and may be tasted.
- All parts must be 100% edible (EXCEPTION: supports such as columns, toothpicks, etc.).
- A tasting sample of the cake must be submitted with the finished entry at check-in.
- Presentation for decorated cakes:
  - Must be on stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil.
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the cake by more than 3" on all sides.
  - Cakes must not exceed 36" x 36".
  - Do not cover.
- MCFA Log Sheet is required and must be completely filled out for decorated cake entries.  
<https://mcfa.org/events/junior-homemaking/>
- No recipe required, but a summary of how the cake is decorated is to be provided on index cards which are 3" x 5" in size, front side only, and submitted as indicated above in the submission requirements.
- **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

#### DIVISION: COOKIES (includes dropped, rolled, pressed, bars, molded, refrigerator, or miscellaneous)

- Brownies are included in this section.
- Store-bought cookies, in any form (crushed, blended, etc.) may not be used as an ingredient in this division (example: Oreos, vanilla wafers, graham crackers, etc.).
- No pre-packaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for cookies:
  - Must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).

**DIVISION: CANDY** (includes fudge, divinity, brittle, or miscellaneous)

- MUST NOT CONTAIN FLOUR
- No pre-packaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for candy:
  - Must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).

**DIVISION: PIES** (includes pies in crust, fried pies, and pie tarts – individual or single)

- No prepackaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- All crusts must be made from scratch, recipe to be included.
- Presentation for pies:
  - Pies in crust must be in a foil pie pan which is 9" to 12" in diameter.
  - Fried pies must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil, and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.
  - Single tart must be baked in a 9" tart pan and placed on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).

**DEPARTMENT: BREADS**

BREADS REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- Must be made by hand, no bread machines.
- No prepackaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for breads:
  - Entry must be on a stiff, disposable surface covered by aluminum foil; surface cannot exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on any side or corner. Item must be covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.
  - Loaves of bread may be placed in a clear transparent bag that can be easily opened and closed; if bagged, stiff surface recommendation above becomes optional.

**DIVISION: QUICK BREADS** (includes muffins, biscuits, cornbread, fruit-nut-vegetable, fancy breads, loaf, or misc.)

- CANNOT CONTAIN YEAST

**DIVISION: YEAST BREADS** (includes loaf, plain rolls, sweet rolls, fancy breads, or misc.)

- MUST CONTAIN YEAST

**DEPARTMENT: CANNED FOODS** (includes jelly, jams, preserves, marmalade, canned vegetable & fruit, pickles (cucumber and other), relishes, and misc.)

- All entries must include processing and canning instructions with the recipe.
- All entries must be processed in a canner or hot water bath, whichever is applicable.
- An MCFA Log Sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all canned food entries.  
<https://mcfa.org/events/junior-homemaking/>
- Presentation of Canned Foods from Scratch:
  - All entries must be in standard jars that are made especially for canning.
  - The lids and rims must be standard and free of rust.
  - Jar should be clean and labeled on the side of the jar indicating the contents and the canning date.
- ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## **JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW AWARDS**

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the following:

- 6 DESSERT DIVISIONS – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION
- 2 BREAD DIVISIONS – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION
- 1 CANNED FOOD DIVISION – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN THE DIVISION

These exhibitors will receive finalist's ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in each division and will receive Honorable Mention Ribbons. The final judging will pick the grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners in the 9 divisions above.

## JUNIOR HANDICRAFT SHOW

The general rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Handicraft Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.
2. Any exhibits that can get dirty easily are required to be completely covered in clear plastic that can be opened.
3. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries.  
<https://mcfa.org/events/junior-handicraft/>.
4. Online entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm (see page 38 for online entry details).
5. Entries cannot be any larger than 8'h x 6'w x 6'd. **Items greater than 100 lbs must have a mobility device, such as a furniture dolly, or casters, provided by the exhibitor that remains with the entry.**
6. The entry should be entered in the department that reflects the largest percentage of material and workmanship described in the exhibitor's log sheet.
7. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented. **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRY.**

### **HANDICRAFT I** (includes woodcraft, metalcraft)

1. Woodcraft can be made by hand or machine, and include works burned, painted, or miscellaneously constructed.
2. Metalcraft may be hand tooled, sculptured, enamel painted, or miscellaneously constructed.

### **HANDICRAFT II** (includes ceramics & plaster, artificial flowers, jewelry, glass craft, leather craft tooling & dying, scrapbooking)

1. Ceramics & plastics can be handmade originals or cast from commercial molds.
2. Glass craft may be painted or cut.
3. Scrapbooking – may be digital or traditional.
4. Mixed materials – example: dreamcatcher or other items using a combination of materials.

## JUNIOR HANDICRAFT SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the following:

1. HANDICRAFT I – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS
2. HANDICRAFT II – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS

These exhibitors will receive a finalist's ribbon and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in each Department. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in each department and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners in each Department.

## **JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW**

The general rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Needlecraft Show as well as the following special rules.

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.
2. Online entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm (see page 38 for online entry details).
3. Can be made by hand, machine, or with any type of needle or hook.
4. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries. <https://mcfa.org/events/junior-needlecraft/>.
5. All items must be finished.
6. All items should be stretched or framed when applicable.
7. Any exhibits that may get dirty easily should be covered in clear plastic that can be easily opened.
8. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.
9. NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRY.

### **JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW INCLUDES:**

Needlecraft, crochet, knit, embroidery, cross-stitch, patchwork, applique, quilts, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, weaving, wearing apparel, or mixed material.

### **JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW AWARDS**

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the Needlecraft Department. These exhibitors will receive finalist's ribbons **and must be present at the final judging.** Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in this show. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in the department and will receive an Honorable Mention ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners.

## JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW

The general rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Fine Arts Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.
2. Online entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm (see page 38 for online entry details).
3. All art should be the original work of the artist. NO COPIES will be accepted.
4. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all Fine Arts entries.  
<https://mcfa.org/events/junior-fine-arts/>.
5. The exhibitor's name shall not appear on the front or back of the project, no exception. ONLY THE ENTRY # shall be present on the BACK of the project, completed at check-in by show personnel.
6. No more than one student may work on an entry.
7. Entries may not include:
  - Plastic figures
  - Commercial objects or lettering may be used as part of the entry.
8. Flat entries:
  - Must be matted or mounted on rigid poster board.
  - The board should be heavy enough to prevent sagging.
  - The mat should be no larger than 3" on any side.
  - Minimum 11" x 14" matted, maximum 22" x 28" matted, UNFRAMED
  - No framed pieces, glass, unmounted, or un-matted work will be accepted for judging.
  - All work must be DRY.
  - Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed and protected from elements with a transparent protective covering.
  - Canvas entries:
    - Minimum 8" x 10" up to a maximum 20" x 24"
    - Unframed canvas only.
    - All work must be DRY.
9. Sculpture and constructions:
  - Entries may be constructed of clay (except oil-based clays), metal, wood, chicken wire, papier mâché, assemblages, or combinations of the above.
  - Wire sculptures must have a base.
  - Sculptures made of wax, toothpicks, or other fragile materials will not be accepted.
  - Sculptures cannot be any larger than 20" horizontally or vertically.
  - All work must be DRY.
  - Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed and protected from elements with a transparent protective covering.
10. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at Chairman's discretion.

### JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW INCLUDES:

PAINTING (acrylics, watercolors, oil, and tempera)

DRAWING (pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastel, scratchboard, block printing, drafting, crayon)

SCULPTURE (metal, clay, wood, wire, assemblages, papier mâché, or combinations)

MOSAICS (collage and Montage)

PORCELAIN PAINTING

### JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all entries in the Fine Arts Department. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners.

## JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The general rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Photography Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit up to twelve (12) entries in this show.
2. Online entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm (see page 38 for online entry details).
3. PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW ENTRY: Photography entries must be submitted to the Fair Office March 25 – 29, 2024 and April 1 – 2, 2024. The deadline for photography entry check-in is April 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Eligibility forms (not turned in by FFA, FHA, 4-H, or a teacher) must be completed per the General Provisions (page 36) and delivered to the Fair Office between April 4 – 11, 2024. Exhibitors do not have to appear for check-in on Friday, April 12, by 9:00 am unless delivering the eligibility form.
4. For each photography entry paid online (i.e., Photograph), you must submit:
  - A flat sealed envelope per entry (envelope PROVIDED BY EXHIBITOR).
    - Each envelope should contain:
      - a) Your entry Photograph
      - b) Required log sheet completely filled out
    - Written on the outside of the envelope must be:
      - a) The students name
      - b) Phone number
      - c) Email address
      - d) Description of the photo
  - Nothing is written on the photograph itself.
5. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all photography entries. <https://mcfa.org/events/junior-photography/>.
6. All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size.
7. Photographs with the following will **not** be accepted:
  - Any outside borders or titles showing
  - Matted, mounted, or framed photographs
  - Collages of any kind
  - Panoramic photographs
  - Date stamps and watermarks
8. Exhibitor's name shall not appear on the front or the back of the project, NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. All photographs will be judged on the following:
  - Focus
  - Exposure
  - Lighting
  - Print Quality
  - Subject
  - Composition
  - Impact
  - Uniqueness
10. Photographs may be in color, or black and white, and may be digitally enhanced.
11. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at the Chairman's discretion.
12. Previous entries are not allowed to be entered.

## **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW INCLUDES:**

Go Texan, pets or animals, landscape, people, architectural, vacation, and miscellaneous.

## **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AWARDS**

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all photography entries. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners. The original photograph going to sale must be matted and framed (no larger than 11" x 14") by the exhibitor for the Sale.



## **JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW**

The general rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Horticulture Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit only four (4) entries in this show.
2. Online entries must be completed and paid (\$10 entry fee per item) by Friday, February 2, 2024, by 5:00 pm (see page 38 for online entry details).
3. Fruits & vegetables used in all displays must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Container plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession and in the same container for at least ninety (90) days. Insect-infested plants will not be allowed in the show area.
5. Containers for cut specimens will be a plain, glass container already filled with water, and furnished by the exhibitor. Large specimens should be in a suitable and stable container also furnished by the exhibitor.
6. Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high and not to exceed 35 lbs.
7. Staging or embellishments may be added to the original entry, but the entire exhibit must not exceed maximum size and weight requirements.
8. ITEMS WILL BE WEIGHED AND MEASURED AT CHECK-IN.
9. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all Horticulture entries.  
<https://mcfa.org/events/junior-horticulture/>
10. Vegetable and fruit entries can be displayed artistically and on any surface within the maximum size and weight limits above in rule six (6).

### **JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW INCLUDES:**

#### **VETEGABLES AND FRUITS**

- LEAFY VEGETABLES AND CABBAGE AND THEIR RELATIVES
  - Chard, Collards, Lettuce, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, etc.
    - a) Minimum two (2) heads or bunches **must be submitted for judging.**
    - b) Outer leaves should be removed and stems may be cut or cleaned.
- ROOT CROPS
  - Beets, Carrots, Green Onions, Shallots, Radishes, and Turnips
    - a) Two standard bunches of 4 to 6 roots per bunch.
- FRUITS AND FRUITING VEGETABLES
  - Peas, Strawberries, Blackberries, and Dewberries
    - a) Small fruits and vegetables consisting of eight (8) to ten (10) items minimum.
    - b) Large fruits and vegetables consisting of four (4) to six (6) items minimum.

#### **HORTICULTURE CONTAINER PLANTS**

(includes African violets, foliage plants, ferns, cactus, and other succulents, etc.)

- Terrariums, hanging baskets, cut flowers (annuals, perennials, collection of flowers)
  - Three (3) stems minimum must be entered
- Tree and shrub branches (flower or fruiting, broadleaf evergreen, needled evergreen, decorative foliage)
  - Each single branch must be 14" to 36" long.

#### **ARTISTIC**

- NO SILK OR PLASTIC
- All fresh material, or dried and fresh material, or all dried material.

## **JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW AWARDS**

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all horticulture entries. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners.

## **SUNSHINE SHOW**

"MCFA SUNSHINE DAY – CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY OF SPECIAL NEEDS"

All Sunshine Show and Awards Presentation take place in the EXHIBITION BUILDING

EARLY CHECK-IN FOR **NON-FOOD ENTRIES**: Thursday, **April 11, 2024** – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

CHECK-IN: Friday, **April 12, 2024** – 7:30 am to 9:00 am

JUDGING: Friday, **April 12, 2024** – 9:00 am

WINNERS POSTED: Friday, **April 12, 2024** – about 12:00 pm noon

PICK UP ITEMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WINNERS ARE POSTED.

AWARDS: Monday, **April 15, 2024**

AWARDS CHECK-IN: 4:00 pm

PRESENTATION PROGRAM: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

1. Exhibitor must be a resident of Montgomery County and affiliated with a county or private facility or attend school in Montgomery County to enter.
2. Articles can be exhibited only by the maker or producer.
3. All entries must be ones which have been started after **April 2, 2023**.
4. No entry fee will be charged for this show.
5. An exhibitor cannot enter and/or sell an item in the Sunshine Auction and in the Jr. Non-Livestock Auction.
6. ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE VIA EMAIL OR IN THE FAIR OFFICE BY FRIDAY, **MARCH 15, 2024**. Entry forms will be available at <https://mcfa.org/events/sunshine-day-field-trip-show/>. Email entry forms to [info@mcfa.org](mailto:info@mcfa.org). LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
7. An exhibitor may only enter one (1) entry per department.
8. The Sunshine Show Office-In-Charge and Chairman have the discretion to place any item into any department and/or division they deem fit.
9. Exhibitors/winners may receive only one (1) cash award.  
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10. The show will open **April 12, 2024**, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
11. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment, may deem advisable.

## **SUNSHINE SHOW AWARDS**

A Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place will be chosen from each of the seven (7) departments for Division I and II.

A Grand, Reserve, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be chosen from each of the seven (7) departments for Division III.

The Montgomery County Fair association will obtain buyers for all place winners. Grand – \$350, Reserve – \$325, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – \$300, and 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$275. Awards and prizes will be presented Monday, **April 15, 2024**, from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Pictures will be mailed to the buyer and the exhibitor.

## **SUNSHINE SHOW DIVISIONS & DEPARTMENTS**

### **DIVISIONS:**

- Division I – Ages 5 to 14
- Division II – Ages 15 to 21
- Division III – Ages 22 & older

Ages will be determined as of show date, Friday, **April 12, 2024**.

**DEPARTMENTS** All divisions may enter any of the following Show Departments:

### **BAKED GOODS**

- Cakes from scratch, cakes from mix, candy, cookies, breads, and pies.
- NO DECORATED CAKES
- NO RECIPES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION

### **ARTS**

- Mounted and/or matted pictures, sculptures, and constructions (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).
- Pictures must be either 11" x 14" or 16" x 20". No other size will be accepted.
- NO PHOTOGRAPHY PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THIS CATEGORY.

### **HANDICRAFTS**

- Glass craft, dried and/or artificial flower arrangements, ceramics and plaster, leather craft, or any item that may not fit anywhere else (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).
- NO LIVE PLANTS.

### **WOODCRAFT**

- By hand, by machine, burning, painting (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).

### **CREATIVE ARTS**

- Wearing apparel (painted t-shirts, aprons, etc.), jewelry, or items made by hand or machine using any type of needle or hook (like dolls, stuffed animals, quilts, needlecraft, crochet, or knit items).

### **HORTICULTURE**

- Live plants and/or flowers
- Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high
- Not to exceed 30 to 35 lbs.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size with no outside borders or titles showing.
- Photographs may be color, black and white, or may be digitally enhanced.
- Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at Chairman's discretion.
- A Special Award will be given for the Most Popular Photograph selected by the people visiting and working at the Fair.

<https://mcfa.org/events/shushine-day-field-trip-show/>

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL NON-PROFESSIONAL ADULT SHOWS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 51 TO PAGE 57 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS, AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

### **THIS IS AN AMATEUR SHOW.**

#### **Entry Dates:**

- Online entry is February 26 – March 15, 2024, by 5:00 pm at [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org)
- Entry forms will be available at the MCFA Office at the fairgrounds.
- Entries will be accepted the day of the show.

#### **Entry Fees:**

- \$5.00 per entry if completed and paid by March 15, 2024
- \$10.00 per entry after March 15, 2024, or the day of the show
- Entry fee entitles the exhibitor to free admission on Sunday, April 14, 2024

**Check-in:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Judging:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Awards:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm

**Entry Pickup:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after awards ceremony, or by 4:00 pm

1. Individuals participating in any Adult Show must meet the following requirement:
  - Eighteen (18) years of age or older
  - A resident of Montgomery County
  - Any individual serving as a Non-Professional Adult Shows Committee Member (worker) cannot participate in this show.
2. Persons of amateur standing who derive more than 1/3 of their individual income from SELLING, TEACHING, OR INSTRUCTING similar items, as those presented to the Fair as their entries, are deemed professionals, and are ineligible to participate.
3. Entries may be exhibited only by the individual creating them. Entries cannot have been entered in any other MCFA Show.
4. The show will open April 14, 2024, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
5. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment may deem advisable.
6. Any exhibitor and/or his/her representative who violates any of the General Rules or Show Rules as published in these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
7. All exhibits will be monitored, and every precaution will be taken to protect all entries, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage.
8. Previous entries (items) in the Montgomery County Fair are not eligible for re-entry.

9. AWARDS:

- Entries will be judged and awarded a Blue (excellent), Red (good) ribbon.
- Homemaking Show:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards may be given in each Division for the Homemaking Show.
  - Cash awards per Division may be awarded in the Homemaking Show.
- All Other Shows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place awards may be given in each Show for all other shows.
  - Cash awards per Show may be awarded in these shows.
- Cash awards:

Best of Show/Division	\$100.00
Show/Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$75.00
Show/Division 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$50.00
- Shows (or Divisions in Homemaking) with less than 5 entries will be subject to award modifications.
- EXHIBITORS MAY WIN ONLY ONE CASH AWARD IN ANY SHOW.
- CHECKS WILL BE MAILED BY JUNE 21, 2024.

10. Individuals who won Best of Show (Best of Division in Homemaking) at the 2023 Montgomery County Fair cannot win Best of Show/Division in that same show/division at the 2024 Montgomery County Fair.

11. A "Non-Professional Adult Show Favorite" will be determined from entries in the Needlecraft, Handicraft, Fine Arts, Photography, and Horticulture Show entries.

12. All winners in each Show will be posted virtually.

13. Special rules also apply for each of the following Adult Shows:

- Home Economics
- Needlecraft
- Handicraft
- Fine Arts
- Photography
- Horticulture

<https://mcfa.org/events/adult-shows/>

## ADULT HOMEMAKING SHOW

The General Rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Homemaking Show as well as the following special rules:

These rules apply to all entries in this show unless noted separately under a specific item:

1. All entries require recipes on handwritten or typed index cards which are 3" by 5", front only. Mixing and baking instructions must be included. Multiple cards may be used. Recipe index cards must be submitted with the entry at check-in the day of the show. All recipe index cards must be stapled in the top left-hand corner of the index cards.
2. All entries must be on a stiff disposable surface, covered in foil, and fully covered with a clear transparent wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
3. Entries requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
4. All entries will be judged together within each Division.

### DIVISION I: DESSERTS

#### **CAKES MADE FROM SCRATCH:**

- One slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.

#### **CREATIVE CAKES MADE FROM MIXES:**

- Designate type(s) of cake mix(es) and icing mix(es) used as base in recipe and additional ingredients added to complete cake and icing.
- One slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.

#### **DECORATED CAKES:**

- Creative and decorative not to exceed 36"x 36".
- No recipe is required, but a summary of how this cake was decorated must be submitted at check-in on the day of the show.
- Base must be cake, must be fresh, and consumable at time of judging. Entries may be cut.
- All parts must be 100% edible.
- A tasting sample of the cake must be submitted with the finished entry at check-in.
- Do not cover.

#### **COOKIES FROM SCRATCH:** (dropped, pressed, bar, rolled, refrigerator, molded, or misc.)

- All cookies must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate.

#### **CANDY FROM SCRATCH:** (fudge, divinity, brittle, or misc.)

- All candies must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate.

#### **PIES FROM SCRATCH:**

- Pies in Crust:
  - Pie must be in a foil pan which is 9" to 12" in diameter.
  - Once slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.
  - Crust must be made from scratch and pie crust recipe must accompany pie recipe at check-in.
- Fried Pies:
  - Must have enough to fill an 8" to 10" disposable plate.
- Pie Tarts:
  - Individual tarts must have enough tarts to fill an 8" to 10" disposable plate.
  - Single tart must be baked in a 9" tart pan and placed on a 12" maximum stiff disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.

**DIVISION II: BREADS FROM SCRATCH:** (muffins, biscuits, cornbread, fruit-nut-vegetable, loaf, plain rolls, sweet rolls, fancy, or misc.)

- Entries can be made with or without yeast.
- Loaves of bread may be placed in a plain clear transparent plastic bag that can easily be opened and closed.
- Individual pieces (muffins, biscuits, rolls, or miscellaneous) must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate.
- Bread MUST be made by hand – no bread machines.

**DIVISION III: CANNED FOODS FROM SCRATCH:** (jelly, jam, preserves, marmalade, vegetables, fruits, pickles, and pickled foods, picante or relish sauces)

- All entries in the Canned Food Division must be in a standard jar made especially for canning.
- The jar should be clean and labeled on the jar as to the contents and the date it was preserved.
- The lids and rims must be standard and free of rust.
- Any jar not sealed will be disqualified.
- All entries must be processed in canner, or hot water bath, whichever is applicable.
- Recipe cards must accompany entry and must include processing and canning instructions.

<https://mcfa.org/events/adult-shows/>



## **ADULT NEEDLECRAFT SHOW**

**The general rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Needlecraft Show as well as the following special rules:**

1. All clothing entries must be on coat hangers and covered with a transparent plastic bag. A pattern instruction sheet must be attached for clothing entries.
2. Needlecrafts must include how item was made on a 3" x 5" index card. Index card must be turned in with entry at show check-in. An index card must indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.
3. Exhibits that can easily get dirty should be covered in clear plastic wrap that can be easily opened and closed. All quilts should be covered with a transparent plastic wrap that can be easily opened and closed.
4. No staging or enhancement of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.
5. Entries which look worn, soiled, or dirty will not be accepted.
6. All entries will be judged together in this show including:  
Clothing: women's wear, men's wear, formal wear, children's clothes.  
Needlecrafts: crochet, knit, embroidery, cross stitch, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, and tatting.  
Quilts: must be made by an individual.

<https://mcfa.org/events/adult-shows/>

## **ADULT HANDICRAFT SHOW**

**The general rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Handicraft Show as well as the following special rules:**

1. Briefly describe how item was made on a 3" x 5" index card and turn in with the entry the day of the show.
2. Index card must indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.
3. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.
4. All entries will be judged together in this show including:  
Woodcraft, metalcraft, glass craft, leather craft, ceramics, plaster, artificial or dried flowers, scrapbooking, wearables, and miscellaneous.

<https://mcfa.org/events/adult-shows/>

## ADULT FINE ARTS SHOW

The general rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Fine Arts Show as well as the following special rules:

1. This is an all-media show.
  - No copies will be accepted.
  - All art should be the original work of the artist.
  - No workshop (classroom) painting will be allowed in the show.
2. Flat entries:
  - Must be matted or mounted on rigid poster board and ready for hanging with a substantial metal hanger.
  - The **rigid** board should be heavy enough to prevent sagging.
  - The mat should be no larger than 3" on any side.
  - No unmounted or un-matted work will be accepted for judging.
  - Paintings on canvas stretched frames must have hook on the back for hanging.
  - Minimum 11" x 14" matted, maximum 22" x 28" matted.
3. Sculptures:
  - Not to exceed 36" horizontally or vertically.
  - Work done on wood or masonite must have a hook or wire on the back for hanging.
4. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
  - Painting: acrylics, oils, tempera, watercolor, mixed media, fabric paint
  - Drawing: pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastel, scratchboard, block printing
  - Sculpture: metal, clay, wood, wire, assemblages, papier mâché, combinations

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## ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The general rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Photography Show as well as the following special rules:

1. All photographs will be judged on: content, quality, originality, and composition
2. All photographs must be:
  - Mounted on foam board or matted with a mat made of paper-based material.
  - Mounting and matting materials may not be made of metal, wood, glass, or plastic.
  - Photographs will be judged on the picture, not on presentation.
  - No wood, metal, or glass framed pieces will be accepted.
  - No water marks or date stamps will be accepted.
  - **All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size.**
3. **A log sheet must be complete for each photo** and is available at the Fair Office or at the web link below.
4. Photographs may be color, black and white, or may be digitally enhanced.
5. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
  - People, animals, and miscellaneous.

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## ADULT HORTICULTURE SHOW

The general rules for all Non-Professional Adult Shows apply to the Horticulture Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Container plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days and plants must be in the same container they have been in for those 90 days.
2. Insect-infested plants will not be allowed in the show area.
3. Containers for cut specimens will be a plain, glass container, already filled with water, furnished by the exhibitor.
4. Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high and not to exceed 35 lbs. Items will be weighed and measured at check-in.
5. Staging or embellishments may be added to the original entry, but the entire exhibit must not exceed maximum size and weight requirements.
6. MCFA log sheet must be kept on all horticulture entries including a complete description/size of entry. Log sheets are available at the Fair Office or at the web link below.
7. **Leafy Vegetables:**
  - Two heads or bunches on an oval (platter type) paper plate.
  - Outer leaves should be removed, stems cut clean, leaf bunches tied together, and should have roots removed.
8. **Root Crops:**
  - Two standard bunches of 4 to 6 roots per bunch on a paper plate.
9. **Fruits and Fruiting Vegetables:**
  - Small fruits and vegetables consisting of 8 to 10 items of uniform color and shape on a paper plate.
  - Large fruits and vegetables consisting of 4 to 6 items of uniform color and shape on a paper plate.
10. Cut flowers must contain a minimum of 3 stems.
11. Tree and shrub branches, each single branch must be 14" to 36" long.
12. Artistic entries:
  - No silk or plastic.
  - May be all fresh material, all dried material, or a combination of fresh and dried.
13. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
  - Vegetables and Fruits:**
    - Leafy vegetables, cabbage, and their relatives: chard, collards, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage cauliflower, cucumber, etc.
    - Root Crops: beets, carrots, green onions, shallots, radishes, turnips, etc.
    - Fruits and Fruiting Vegetables: peas, strawberries, dewberries, etc.
  - Horticulture:**
    - Container plants, terrariums, hanging baskets, cut flowers, tree and shrub branches.
  - Artistic Arrangements**

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## 65 & OLDER SHOW

**THIS SHOW WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT THE FAIR.**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 11, 2024

**CHECK-IN:** 8:30 am – 10:00 am

**JUDGING:** 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: following lunch break
  - GENERAL VIEWING: during break of Sr. Citizen's Day and immediately following Sr. Citizen's activities.
  - PICK UP ITEMS: immediately after awards announcements or by 3:00 pm
  - Individuals can exhibit up to eight (8) items.
1. Exhibitor must be 65 years of age or a full-time resident of a convalescent center, and a resident of Montgomery County.
  2. Articles can be exhibited only by the maker or producer.
  3. No Entry Fee will be charged for this show.
  4. Exhibitors may only win one award in each division.
  5. Entries will be judged and awarded ribbons: Blue (excellent), Red (good), and White (fair). A first-place award will be given in each division. A 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon may be given in each division.
  6. Entries will be watched, and every precaution will be taken to protect all exhibits, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage.
  7. The 65 & Older Show Chairman has the discretion to place any item into any category and/or division they deem fit.
  8. The show will open April 11, 2024, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
  9. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment may deem advisable.
  10. All entries will be judged together in each Division.

## 65 & OLDER SHOW DIVISIONS/SECTIONS

### DIVISION I: CANNED FOODS FROM SCRATCH

- This division includes jelly, jam, preserves, marmalade, vegetables, fruits, pickles, pickled foods, sauces (picante or relish), or miscellaneous.
- Recipes are optional.
- All entries must be in a standard jar (pint or quart) made especially for canning.
- Jar should be clean and labeled on the side of jar as to the contents and the date it was preserved.
- Lids and rims must be standard and free of rust.
- Any jars not sealed will be disqualified.

### DIVISION II: DESSERTS

- This division includes cakes, cookies, candy, pies, and miscellaneous.
- No refrigerated items will be allowed.
- Recipes optional.

### **DIVISION III: BREADS**

- This division includes quick breads or yeast breads.
- Recipes optional.

### **DIVISION IV: NEEDLEWORK**

- This division includes needlepoint, crochet, knit, embroidery, cross stitch, patchwork, applique, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, tatting, or miscellaneous.
- No soiled or dirty articles will be accepted.
- Entries should be covered with transparent plastic wrap that can be easily opened and closed.
- Indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.

### **DIVISION V: HANDICRAFTS**

- This division includes:
  - Woodcraft by hand, by machine, burning, painting, or miscellaneous.
  - Glass craft painting, cut, or miscellaneous.
  - Metal craft hand-tooled, sculptured, enamel painted, or miscellaneous.
  - Ceramics or plaster handmade original or cast from commercial mold.
  - Plastic crafts yarn work, tissue box, dolls, ornaments, etc.
  - Miscellaneous.
- Indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.

### **DIVISION VI: FINE ARTS**

- This division includes porcelain paintings, paintings – framed or unframed, and miscellaneous.

### **DIVISION VII: QUILTS**

- This division includes quilts made by individuals or by groups.
- All quilts should be covered with a transparent plastic wrap that can be easily opened or closed.

### **DIVISION VIII: PHOTOGRAPHY**

- This division includes photographs of pets, animals, places, or miscellaneous.
- All photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller.
- Photographs may be matted or un-matted.

### **DIVISION IX: HORTICULTURE**

- This division includes:
  - Vegetables & Fruits
    - Leafy vegetables, cabbage and their relatives, root crops, and fruits and fruiting vegetables.
  - Container Plants
    - African violets, foliage plants, ferns, succulents, trees, and shrub branches.
  - Artistic
    - NO SILK OR PLASTIC
    - Fresh and dried material only

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## COUNTRY STORE RULES

1. You must have paid an entry fee, ENTERED, and PARTICIPATED in competition in the Non-Professional Adult Show of the Montgomery County Fair for the current year. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of income and eligibility to participate in future shows and your items will be pulled from the County Store.
2. A participating 4-H or FFA group with exhibitors in the current Montgomery County Fair may sell their items in the County Store. Clubs must enter items as a "group" and not as individuals.
3. You must enter for sale those items listed in the official Montgomery County Fair Catalog rules for Non-Professional Adult Shows and/or Jr. Non-Livestock Shows for the current year. Other items may be sold with prior approval of Country Store Chairman.
4. Canned products are to have been prepared within the last year only. The jar must be clean and labeled on the side of the jar as to the contents and the date it was preserved. The lids and rims must be standard and free of rust. All jars must be sealed.
5. All baked items must be labeled and dated. Any perishable baked goods not sold or picked up may be discarded at the discretion of the Country Store Committee.
6. No used or damaged articles will be accepted. All merchandise must have been made in the last year. Items entered in the County Store last year which did not sale, may not be re-entered.
7. Other additional items to restock may be brought in daily 30 minutes before doors open. **ONCE DOORS OPEN YOU MAY NOT RESTOCK UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 2024, WILL BE THE LAST TIME TO RESTOCK.**
8. Twenty percent (20%) of the sale price will go to the Montgomery County Fair Association. Checks less the twenty percent (20%) will be mailed to seller or group within thirty (30) days. Payments will be made only on those items for which the Country Store has yellow tag.
9. Participants may come by the Fair office the week of **Monday, April 1 – Friday, April 5, 2024**, to pick up seller number, sale tags, and sale cards.
10. Items must be tagged and brought to the Country Store Thursday, **April 11, 2024**, between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
11. All items not sold must be picked up no later than **Sunday, April 21, 2024, between 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm**. Items not picked up will become the property of the Montgomery County Fair Association. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
12. The Country Store Committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not qualify or is in bad taste.
13. All items for sale must be created by the seller. No commercially packaged items will be accepted, unless items are donated, and the Montgomery County Fair Association receives 100% of the proceeds. Commercial Exhibitors will be allowed to enter items for sale in the county store if they meet the guidelines of the Non-Professional Adult Show rules.
14. Sale items must have a yellow sale tag attached with the following information:
  - a) Seller's name and address
  - b) Name of item
  - c) Sale price
15. Sale cards must have a numerical list of all items with the same number as the yellow sale tags. Sale cards **MUST** be completed before items are checked in.
16. No item shall be priced under \$1.00 and must be in increments of .50 cents.

17. All precautions will be taken; however, the Montgomery County Fair Association will not be responsible for items lost, damaged, or stolen.
18. The Country Store Committee will accept donated new handmade items, will price those items, and the entire sale will go to the Montgomery County Fair Association.
19. **THE COUNTRY STORE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISPLAY OR STOCK ITEMS AT THEIR DISCRETION.**
20. The Country Store will be staffed by Committee members and volunteers.