

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024 Rules & Guidelines

(Updated September 13, 2023)

Table of Contents:

- Part One – Eligibility of Exhibitor
- Part Two – Eligibility of Project
- Part Three – General Rules
- Part Four – Entries
- Part Five – Validation
- Part Six – Buyers' Invitations
- Part Seven – Raffle Tickets
- Part Eight – Weigh-in, Check-in, and Show
- Part Nine – Sale
- Part Ten – Clean-Up and Post Show/Sale
- Part Eleven – Thank You Notes
- Rules for Individual Projects
- NSLS 2024 Show Calendar
- NSLS Directors' Dates
- Entry Form
- Receipt of Rules

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024 Rules

Exhibitors are advised to read these rules carefully, and to not enter the contest if he/she cannot whole-heartedly abide by these rules. An exhibitor who violates any of these rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums, and awards, and/or be subject to other penalties that the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors may order. Exhibiting may change at show time. The Board of Directors has the right to change, amend, or remove any of these guidelines, if needed.

Part One – Eligibility of Exhibitor

- A. The exhibitor must be a full time student. Exhibitor must be in school or home school program, be in 3rd-12th grade, and not graduated or completed the GED program.
- B. The exhibitor must reside in the Nixon-Smiley CISD or attend school in the Nixon-Smiley CISD.
- C. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing of at least one of the following clubs:
 - a. Nixon 4-H Club
 - b. Smiley 4-H Club
 - c. Leesville 4-H Club
 - d. Nixon-Smiley FFA
 - e. Nixon-Smiley FCCLA
- D. The exhibitor must be in good standing within his/her school program, which means he/she must not be expelled or enrolled in alternative school at any time after January 1st of the calendar year of the Show. If the student is withdrawn from school, he/she must be in good standing with the District at the time of withdrawal.
- E. The exhibitor must have a Semester 1 average of 70 or above in each subject area he/she is enrolled in. However, if the exhibitor does not pass the Semester 1 grade check, he/she can present a progress report from the 6 week mark of Semester 2 to the Board of Directors (mid-February) to determine eligibility. The progress report check will only apply to the course(s) that were below 70 at the semester check.
- F. The NSLS Board will have a release form that is mandatory for exhibitors' legal guardians to fill out at Validation giving the board permission to check their children's standing with the school.
- G. The exhibitor may not participate in any other youth livestock show in Gonzales County or any other county in the State of Texas during the Show calendar year. This does not include major shows.
- H. Each Exhibitor MUST volunteer four (4) hours of community service to the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show prior to check in of the Livestock Show. Examples include:
 1. Working at the Wild Hog Cook-Off,
 2. Helping with a variety of chores to maintain the grounds under direction of a NSLS board director.

CLEAN UP AT THE NIXON-SMILEY LIVESTOCK SHOW DOES NOT COUNT!

Failure to complete required hours needed may result in disqualification from the show and sale if so determined by the Board of Directors.

Part Two – Eligibility of Project

- A. The project may not have been shown, and may not be shown in any other youth livestock show in Gonzales County or any other county in the State of Texas. This does not include major shows.
- B. The project must reside at the exhibitor's residence. The Club Leader and the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors must approve any exceptions to this rule. If the project must be moved for any reason, a change of address must be reported to the Board of Directors. If this is not done, the exhibitor may result in disqualification from the show and sale if so determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. Exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the entire feeding and fitting period. Exhibitors must feed, care for and exhibit their animals during the entire feeding and fitting period. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the show and sale if so determined by the Board of Directors.
- D. No animal can be shown in both Market & Breeder divisions.

Part Three – General Rules

- A. The NSLS Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises. Any situation not covered in these rules will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any of these decisions will be final.
- B. All entries will be under the control and direction of the NSLS Board of Directors, however, the Directors and Officials will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the exhibitor or persons.
- C. Exhibitors and participants are reminded to display proper manners, sportsmanship, and leadership abilities at all times during the competition, show, and sale.
- D. Any exhibitor whose conduct is detrimental to the Livestock Show, and/or any exhibitor that displays unacceptable conduct (ie: drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking, vaping, dipping, cursing, public display of affection, etc.) on the Show grounds at any time before, during, and/or after the show and sale, may be disqualified from the show, sale, and all future shows, if so determined by the Board of Directors.
- E. All exhibitors and participants are required to wear appropriate clothing at weigh-in, check-in, show, and sale. Appropriate is considered as jeans or slacks with no holes or rips, long or short sleeve shirts, and boots or athletic shoes. Exhibitors and participants may not wear the following: sunglasses except prescription glasses, hats, caps, low cut or low rise jeans, shorts, skirts (unless skirt is knee length or worn with leggings), dresses, sandals, flip-flops, open-toed shoes, skin-revealing and/or cleavage exposing clothing, see through or see-in clothing, earrings worn by males, piercing in any visible parts except the ears of females, exposed and visible tattoos or body art, hair coloring or dying hues that do not occur in natural human hair. Clothing must not have decals, paintings, pictures, emblems, etc. that display anything lewd, offensive, or vulgar. Clothing must not contain obscenity, profanity, drug use, alcohol use, violence, or gang identification. Any exhibitor that is not in dress code may result in disqualification from the show and sale if so determined by the Board of Directors.

Part Four – Entries

- A. Entry Forms must be filled out completely and signed by the Exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian.
- B. A minimum of two (2) entries is required to establish a Class. This minimum is for all classes. A class is made, or not made, at the validation date.
- C. No refunds are made unless the Class does not make.

- D. All entries will be turned in at the group meeting held in October. Please see “NSLS Calendar” for exact dates.
- E. An exhibitor may enter more than one Class, but may have only one entry per Class in the Show. The same animal cannot be shown in both the Market and Breeder classes.
- F. The Entry Fee includes validation of one animal or one pen.

Part Five – Validation

- A. The exhibitor may validate as many animals as they choose per class. The Entry Fee includes validation of one animal or one pen. Additional validation fees will be charged if the exhibitor wishes to validate more than one animal or pen for a Class. Validation by the pen is considered 5 rabbits, 25 chicks, or 5 poults.
- B. Each exhibitor will be allowed family validation of an animal with a sibling at an additional cost. Family validations are only allowed for siblings that live in the same household. Special situations will need to be addressed by the Board. A family may “family validate” a maximum of two animals per class per exhibitor. Each exhibitor will name his/her individual animal at check-in/weigh-in. An additional fee will be charged for each exhibitor’s family validation. The fee will be doubled if the animal is validated at the late entry date.
- C. All animals will be validated only on the appointed day and time. Rabbits will be tattooed at validation. All other animals except poultry will be ear tagged and ear tattooed unless State Validated for major shows. All validated animal entries other than poultry must have the official Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show ear tag and tattoo at all times. If the ear tag is lost, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to contact his/her Club Leader or NSLS Director as soon as possible.
- D. Exhibitors are responsible for the care, grooming, and clean-up of their entry(s).
- E. All Ag Mechanics projects must be validated in writing declaring the project and how it is agriculturally related.
- F. All entries will be checked by the Club Leaders and/or the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors at any time without notice.

Part Six – Buyers’ Invitation

- A. Exhibitors are required to personally invite a minimum of ten (10) buyers to the Show & Sale by mail.
- B. Exhibitors are also strongly encouraged to collect add-on monies for their livestock show project.
- C. Buyers’ invites must be properly addressed, stamped, but not sealed, and presented to the NSLS Board of Directors **at the December validation** at the NSLS Barn. The buyers’ invites will be checked for appropriateness. If the buyers’ invitation notes are not presented in the appropriate manner, the buyers’ invitations will not be accepted. This includes being stamped and unsealed. Any exhibitor that does not turn in buyers’ invitations may result in disqualification from the show and sale if so determined by the Board of Directors.

Part Seven – Raffle Tickets

- A. All exhibitors will be required to sell 25 raffle tickets. No exceptions. All money and/or tickets must be turned in to the designated director at the group meeting held in March prior to the livestock show. Please see “NSLS Calendar” for exact dates. Any tickets/money not turned in at the designated time will be deducted from the exhibitor’s check.

Part Eight – Weigh-in, Check-in, and Show

- A. Animals must be in good health, and free of drug or residues. All animal entries are

subject to drug testing, and must be free of disease, physical defects, and parasites. Animals showing signs of drug use will be inspected by a committee of show officials and will be subject to removal from the show, and the Exhibitor must forfeit all rights to awards and the auction price. The NSLS Board of Directors reserve the right to have all livestock and poultry entries visually examined by a veterinarian.

- B. Exhibitors must show and sell their own project. Exhibitor substitutions for check-in/weigh-in must have prior approval from the Board. Poultry exhibitors may have help in the Show Ring, but the helpers must be an eligible exhibitor and follow the eligibility rules and the show rules. No adults are allowed to be helpers.
- C. All entries must be checked-in or weighed-in at the designated time and place. Entries will not be accepted after this designated time.
- D. All Exhibitors may weigh his/her animal at their discretion 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Friday before the Livestock Show check -in. See NSLS Calendar for exact date. After weigh-in begins for their class, any animal that crosses the scale will be considered officially weighed-in, and the animal and weight will be recorded as such. Animals will be given only one official weighing. Reweighs will only be allowed at the discretion of the Sift Judge. If the animal is not within weight limits for its class, it is automatically ineligible for the Show.
- E. The Sift Judge will be used to inspect soundness, quality, and weight for all animals at the time of weigh-in and/or check-in. The Sift Judge may also disqualify any Exhibitor from the show for incapability of handling his/her animal.
- F. No parents or guardians of Exhibitors will be allowed near the scales or animals when being weighed-in or checked-in.
- G. Pens are available on a first come, first serve basis. Exhibitors may not dismantle or alter the pens or panels. All supplies must be kept in designated areas. Blocking aisles with supplies will not be permitted.
- H. The exhibitor must supply his/her own animal's bedding of wood shavings.
 - I. No one but the exhibitors, the official Judge, designated board members, and designated helpers assigned by the Board, will be allowed in the judging ring, show area, check-in/weigh-in area and sale area.
- J. All classes may be divided at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- K. During the judging, all entries will be placed in blue or red quality categories. Breeding division entries, fryer rabbits, roaster chickens, and commercial heifers will not sell. If a class is divided by weight, the top animals called back for final judging of Grand and Reserve will be listed first in the Sale Book.
- L. Showmanship awards will be judged in Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Steers, Market Rabbits, Broilers, and Turkeys. Market Lamb exhibitors using a halter/chain in the show ring will not be eligible for the showmanship award.
- M. The decision of the Judge(s) will be final.
- N. No oil products will be allowed for washing or as finishing spray on the animal for the show.

Part Nine – Sale

- A. Exhibitors may sell only one entry. The only exception is that all Grand and Reserve Champions will be sold. If an exhibitor enters more than one class, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Livestock Show Board office as to which project will be sold at the Auction. If the exhibitor does not notify the office within one hour after the last class shows, the Show Board will decide which project will be sold in the Auction. No changes concerning any entry to be sold will be made after this time.
- B. The exhibitor must be present with his/her project at the sale. If the Exhibitor is not present, his/her project will not be sold.

- C. Projects will be sold in order of placing.
- D. Sale Order will be posted prior to the Sale.
- E. Sale prices will be determined as follow:
 - a. Grand Champion
 - i. No limit – Market Steer, Local Bred Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Broiler, Turkey, and Ag Mechanics.
 - ii. \$600 limit – Layered Cake
 - iii. \$750 limit – Craft
 - b. Reserve Champion
 - i. 90% of Grand Champion – Market Steer, Local Bred Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Broiler, Turkey, and Ag Mechanics.
 - ii. \$25 below Grand Champion – Layered Cake and Craft
 - c. Blue Ribbon Projects
 - i. 90% of Reserve Champion - Market Steer, Local Bred Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Broiler, Turkey, and Ag Mechanics.
 - ii. \$10 below Reserve Champion – Layered Cake and Craft
 - d. Red Ribbon Projects
 - i. 90% of lowest Blue Ribbon Project - Market Steer, Local Bred Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Broiler, Turkey, and Ag Mechanics.
 - ii. \$10 below lowest Blue Ribbon Project – Layered Cake and Craft
- F. The Show Board may take up to a 5% sales commission on the auction price of each entry. Commission will be no less than \$25.
- G. Bucket Calf exhibitors will have a commission fee of \$25.
- H. This is a non-terminal show for all animal, poultry, and Ag Mechanic projects.
- I. Projects that are not allowed to sell in the Sale may be sold by private treaty.
- J. All sales are final.

Part Ten – Clean-Up and Post-Show/Sale

- A. Every exhibitor will be required to clean up at the Livestock Show.
 - a. Exhibitors that show on Friday are required to clean up Friday night after the show ends.
 - b. Exhibitors that show on Saturday are required to clean up after the show Saturday afternoon.
 - c. Exhibitors that show both days are required to clean up both days.
 - d. **All show exhibitors** are required to clean up Sunday morning after the show, starting at 9:00 a.m. If an exhibitor checks-in with the Clean Up Director after 9:15AM, a \$50 fine will be charged.
 - e. All exhibitors are required to sign in and get a clean-up assignment from the Director in charge of clean up.
 - f. A \$50 fine will be charged for each missed clean up assignment. Fines must be paid in cash before the exhibitor can receive his/her check. These fines will not be taken out of an Exhibitor's check.
- B. All animal and poultry projects must be removed from the grounds by 12:00 noon on Sunday after the show.
- C. Any projects and/or supplies left on the show grounds after 12:00 noon on Sunday after the show will become property of the Livestock Show Board.

Part Eleven –Thank You Notes

- A. Exhibitors will be required to write a **hand-written thank you note** to each buyer of his/her project, and to any Add-on buyer the exhibitor receives.
- B. Exhibitors that are awarded a medal, buckle, vest or other material award will also be required to write a hand-written thank you note to each donor of the award.
- C. Thank You notes must be properly addressed, stamped, but not sealed, and presented to the NSLS Board of Directors on the date indicated on the NSLS Calendar.
- D. The Thank You notes will be checked for appropriateness. If the Thank You notes are not hand-written or presented in the appropriate manner, the Thank You notes will not be accepted. This includes being stamped and unsealed. A fine of \$50 will be charged to the Exhibitor if he/she does not attend and participate in this event. Fines must be paid in cash before the Exhibitor can receive his/her check. These fines will not be taken out of an Exhibitor's check.
- E. *Note for Team Ag Mechanics:* Each team member is expected to write a thank you note to each one of the buyers/donors. Thank you notes for add-ons will be by each exhibitor.

Rules for Individual Projects

Market Rabbits Class

- A. Each exhibitor will show one pen of three rabbits.
- B. This rabbit meat class will be open to all breeds, and shall consist of three rabbits of any sex, but of the same breed and variety.
- C. Each pen of three must weigh between 9 and 17 pounds at the time of the show.
- D. At weigh-in, the first three rabbits weighed will be the exhibitor's entry. No substitutions will be allowed after the entry is weighed.

Fryer Rabbit Class

- A. This rabbit may not be a rabbit from the exhibitor's Market Rabbit pen of three.
- B. This rabbit must weigh a minimum of three pounds.
- C. Fryer Rabbits will not be sold.
- D. The fryer rabbit must be marked by the Rabbit Director at check-in/weigh-in to be eligible for show.

Broilers Class

- A. All broilers will be purchased from the same hatchery, and be from the same hatch.
- B. Each exhibitor will start with 25 chicks to a pen.
- C. Broiler entry will consist of three birds.
- D. Broiler exhibitors may recruit and use helpers in the show ring, but the helper(s) must follow the eligibility rules and the show rules. No adults are allowed to be helper(s).
- E. No weight limits are enforced in the Broiler Class.
- F. Exhibitors will be informed of a time, place, and date for pick up well in advance.

Roaster Class

- A. This chicken may not be a chicken from the exhibitor's Broiler Class pen of three.
- B. No weight limits are enforced in the Roaster Class.
- C. Roaster chickens will not be sold.
- D. The roaster chicken must be marked by the Broilers Director at check-in/weigh-in to be eligible for show.

Turkey Class

- A. All turkeys will be purchased from the same hatchery, and be from the same hatch.
- B. Each exhibitor will start with 5 poult to a pen.
- C. A Turkey Class entry will consist of one unsexed bird.
- D. No weight limits are enforced in the Turkey Class.
- E. Turkey exhibitors as a group will designate a responsible party to pick up the poults. Donations for fuel cost may be requested.

Market Hogs

- A. Hogs may be of any breed.
- B. Show weight limits: Minimum of 220 lbs. to 290 pounds maximum.
- C. If necessary, market hogs must be clipped prior to arrival on show grounds.

Market Lambs

- A. Lambs may be of any breed.
- B. Show weight limits: Minimum of 130 pounds to 180 pounds maximum.
- C. Lambs must be sheared prior to arrival on the show grounds.
- D. Exhibitors of lambs shown with halters will not be eligible for the Showmanship competition.

Market Goats

- A. Goats may be of any breed.
- B. Show weight limits: Minimum of 70 pounds to 130 pounds maximum.
- C. All goats must be slick shorn above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch prior to arrival on the show grounds. All goats must be dehorned prior to arrival on show grounds.
- D. Only small chains or collars around the neck may be used while showing.

Market Steers

- A. Steers may be of any breed.
- B. Show weight limit: Minimum of 1,000 pounds to 1,500 pounds maximum.
- C. All steers must be polled or dehorned, and slick shorn except the tip of the tail prior to arrival on the show grounds.
- D. All steers must be halter broken, able to be led, and controlled.

Local Bred Steers

- A. Steers may be of any breed as chosen by the Board of Directors.
- B. Steers will be purchased by the Board of Directors.
- C. Eligible exhibitors must have notified the Board of Directors by July 1, 2023. All candidates will be drawn at random to participate and also drawn at random to each assigned steer.
- D. Exhibitor assumes all responsibility for the steer:
 - pay cost of the steer if exhibitor backs out
 - pay cost of the steer if it dies
- E. If the steer dies, replacement is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- F. There are no weight limitations but weight will be recorded at check in.
- G. All steers must be polled or dehorned, and slick shorn except the tip of the tail prior to arrival on the show grounds.

- H. All steers must be halter broken, able to be led and controlled, as determined by the sift judge.
- I. Project Books are required and must consist of:
 - a. Steer Information page
 - b. Feed Log
 - c. Other Expense Log
 - d. Time Management Log
 - e. Performance Log
 - f. Receipts
 - g. Pictures – Photos are to be taken at the beginning and throughout the making of the project. Exhibitor may be in pictures.
- J. The Exhibitor's name must not appear on the Project Book or in the Project Book during Judging.
- K. Project Books must be neatly handwritten by the exhibitor.
- L. Exhibitors may be questioned by the Judge(s) during the competition
- M. After the exhibitor sells, the Board of Directors then takes possession of the animal. The Board of Directors will take the animal to auction. The purchase of the animal will be taken out of the profit received from the auction.
- N. Exhibitor and parent will sign an agreement to these rules in addition to the entry form.

Breeding Classes

Breeder Hog (Gilt), Breeder Lamb (Ewe), Breeder Goat (Doe), and Breeder Heifer Exhibitors in these classes will be subject to the general rules of the show and to the following additions:

- A. Breeding animals may be of any breed.
- B. Breeder Hogs must be gilts. No sows are allowed.
- C. In Breeder Lamb (Ewe), Breeder Goat (Doe), and Breeder Heifer classes, if the animal has her first baby before the Show, the offspring may be shown by its mother's side if:
 - a. the offspring is a minimum of 2 days old at check-in, and
 - b. approval to show with the offspring is granted by the Board of Directors prior to check-in, and
 - c. offspring is haltered.
- D. Breeder Lambs and Breeder Goats may be shown with a halter or chain.
- E. All breeder animals must follow horn rules of market class.
- F. Breeder animals will not be sold in the Sale.

Breeder Heifers

- A. Each heifer must have an ear tag placed by the NSLS Board at Validation.
- B. Heifers must be 30 months or less of age.
- C. Health certificates are required no more than 30 days prior to show.
- D. Heifers must be dehorned.
- E. An exhibitor may validate up to two heifers.
- F. Heifers may be of any breed.
- G. Heifers must be halter broke, able to lead and under control as determined by the sift judge.
- H. Breeder Heifers will not be sold in the Sale, however, they may be sold by private treaty.
- I. There are no weight limitations for Breeder Heifers.
- J. The show is considered a hair show. It is a "blow and go". No adhesives, paints or

dyes.

- K. Breeder Heifer may have a calf. The calf must be less than 200 days old and halter broke. If you have a calf to show, it must be shown by an eligible exhibitor as determined by our rules.

Commercial Heifers

- A. Two heifers make up one pen. An exhibitor may validate three heifers.
- B. Heifers may be of any breed. No mixed breeds.
- C. Exhibitors must be standing at their pen of heifers in order to be judged.
- D. Commercial Heifers will not be sold in the Sale, however, they may be sold by private treaty.
- E. There are no weight or age limitations for Commercial Heifers, however, all projects must be heifers at time of Show, which means heifers may be bred, but must have never had a calf by the time of Show. No cows are allowed in the Commercial Heifer class.
- F. Each heifer must have an ear tag placed by the NSLS Board at Validation.

Ag Mechanics

The following rules apply to Individual and Team Ag Mechanics projects:

- A. The ag mechanic project must be agriculturally related, and approved by the Livestock Show Board at validation in written form. All projects must be made entirely by the student under the supervision of the Ag Teacher or 4-H Leader.
- B. Ag Mechanic items that do not have a Project Book will be disqualified.
- C. The Exhibitor's name(s) must not appear on or within the Project Book during Judging.
- D. Project Books must be neatly handwritten by the exhibitor(s).
- E. Project Books must consist of:
 - a. Detailed Project Plan and/or blueprints.
 - b. Practice Log
 - c. Project Log
 - d. Summary of Expenses and Materials
 - e. Receipts
 - f. Pictures – Photos are to be taken at the beginning and throughout the making of the project. Exhibitor may be in pictures.
- F. Only quality projects will be accepted. Entries must be finished completely, and must be clean and un-used.
- G. Projects must be completed within the current school year, and from no previous youth or county show.
- H. Projects made from kits or packaged sets of related materials are not allowed.
- I. Each exhibitor must be standing by his/her entry during the judging and will be interviewed by the Judge(s).
- J. Placement of projects within the barn will be at the discretion of the Livestock Show Directors. Display space under shelter is not guaranteed. Projects may be displayed outside if sufficient space is not available.
- K. No vehicles are allowed in the judging area. If stands are needed, the exhibitor should plan for this and provide his/her own appropriate stands.
- L. All trailers entered must meet transportation codes.
- M. Ten (10) Ag Mechanics projects can be sold during the Sale. All other entries may be sold by private treaty.

For Teams:

- N. Each team member must submit his/her own entry form & fees.

- O. A team must consist of 2-4 members.
- P. A team captain will be named on the entry form of team projects.
- Q. The team will agree on the division of the sale amount between each of the team members after the sale.

Crafts

- A. All craft entries must be completed entirely by the exhibitor and ready for display.
- B. Only quality work will be shown. Entries must be finished completely, be clean and unused.
- C. Items must be completed within the current school year and from no previous youth or county show.
- D. Projects made from kits or packaged sets of related materials are not allowed.
- E. Each Craft project must have a related Project Book at check-in. Projects that do not have a Project Book will be disqualified.
- F. Project Books must consist of:
 - a. Detailed Project Plan and/or blueprints.
 - b. Practice Log
 - c. Project Log
 - d. Summary of Expenses and Materials
 - e. Receipts
 - f. Pictures – Photos are to be taken at the beginning and throughout the making of the project. Exhibitor may be in pictures.
- G. The Exhibitor's name must not appear on or within the Project Book during Judging.
- H. Project Books must be neatly handwritten by the exhibitor.
- I. Exhibitors may be questioned by the Judge(s) during the competition.
- J. Ten Craft projects may be sold during the Sale.
- K. An exhibitor's FCCLA, FFA, and/or 4-H Leader may make recommendations, but the Board will have final approval on any craft projects shown.
- L. Display props should not overshadow the project. The Show Board must approve all props.

Layered Cake

- A. All exhibitors are reminded to exercise health and sanitation precautions when preparing cake entries.
- B. All layered cake entries must be completed entirely by the exhibitor, and ready for display.
- C. All Layered Cakes must be prepared from scratch. Pre-packaged mixes and cake mixes are not allowed for all or any portion of the cake entry. No packaged frosting or icing is allowed.
- D. A layered cake must consist of two (2) or more layers.
- E. Any decorations must be edible.
- F. No refrigeration will be available.
- G. At check in, the exhibitor will cut and place one slice of his/her cake into a separate container for judging.
- H. Each Layered Cake project must have a related Project Book at check-in. Projects that do not have a Project Book will be disqualified.
- I. Project Books must be kept, and consist of:
 - a. Recipe
 - b. Practice Log
 - c. Project Log
 - d. Summary of Expenses and Materials
 - e. Receipts

- f. Pictures – Photos are to be taken at the beginning and throughout the making of the project. Exhibitor may be in pictures.
- J. The Exhibitor's name must not appear on or within the Project Book during Judging.
- K. Project Books must be neatly handwritten by the exhibitor.
- L. Exhibitors may be questioned by the Judge(s) during the competition.
- M. Layered Cakes must be presented and kept in a sturdy container.
- N. Ten Layered Cake projects may be sold during the Sale.

NIXON-SMILEY LIVESTOCK SHOW CALENDAR 2023-2024

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| July 1, 2023 | Deadline to sign-up for Local Bred Steers |
| August 1, 2023 | Deadline to order Turkeys |
| October 11, 2023 | Group meeting and Entry Forms due at the NSLS Barn at 6:00p.m. |
| November 5, 2023 | Work Day at the NSLS Barn at 3:00p.m. |
| November 10&11, 2023 | Wild Hog Cook-Off & Ranch Rodeo |
| November 12, 2023 | Clean up workday at the NSLS Barn at 3:00p.m. |
| December 2&3, 2023 | Stockdale FFA Booster Club Prospect Show held at NSLS Barn |
| December 9, 2023 | Workday & Validation at the Show Barn for all Steers, Heifers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats from 8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.. Ag Mechanics validation forms due by 10AM. Late entry forms and fees of \$60.00 are due at this time for these classes. Bucket Calf entries due. ALL buyers' invites are due before 10:00 a.m. |
| February 3, 2024 | Workday and validation at the Show Barn for all Rabbits, Cakes, and Crafts from 8:30a.m.-10:00a.m. Late entry forms and fees of \$60.00 are due at this time for Rabbits, Cakes, and Crafts. |
| March 2, 2024 | Workday at the NSLS Barn at 9:00a.m. |
| March 6, 2024 | Group meeting at the NSLS Barn at 6:00p.m. |

Friday, March 8, 2024 (order subject to change)

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 2:00-2:30 | Check-in for Commercial Heifers. Optional unloading of all cattle. |
| 2:00-2:30 | Weigh-in for Market Rabbits and Fryer Rabbits at the rabbit pens. |
| 2:30-3:00 | Check-in for Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys near the poultry pens. |
| 3:00-3:30 | Weigh-in for all hogs. |
| 3:30-4:00 | Weigh-in for all lambs. |
| 4:00-4:30 | Weigh-in for all goats. |
| 4:30-5:00 | Weigh-in for all steers and breeder heifers. |
| 5:00-5:30 | Check-in for Cakes, Crafts, and Ag Mechanics near the exhibit area. |
| 6:00 | Judging for Cakes and Crafts begins. |
| 7:00 | Judging for Broilers, Roasters, Turkeys, Market Rabbits, and Fryer Rabbits begins in called order in the back arena. Judging for Ag Mechanics begins in the barn. |

Saturday, March 9, 2024 (order subject to change)

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 9:00a.m. | Judging for Market Hogs, Breeder Hogs, Market Lambs, Breeder Lambs, Market Goats, Breeder Goats, Market Steers, Local Bred Steers, Breeder Heifers, and Commercial Heifers. Followed by Bucket Calf & Clovers. |
| 4:00 p.m. | Buyers' Buffet and Registration begins. Exhibitors need to be present at this time. |
| 5:00 p.m. | Auction begins. |

Sunday, March 10, 2024

| | |
|----------------|--|
| 9:00 a.m. | MANDATORY clean up for all exhibitors |
| April 10, 2024 | Thank You notes are due at the Show Barn between 6:00-7:00p.m. |
| TBD | Exhibitors checks will be distributed at the Show Barn. |

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show

Directors' Dates 2023-2024

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| July 1, 2023 | Deadline to sign-up for Local Bred Steers |
| August 1, 2023 | Deadline to order Turkeys |
| August 20, 2023 | Directors' Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| September 13, 2023 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| October 11, 2023 | Exhibitor Meeting & Entry Forms Due – 6:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting following |
| November 5, 2023 | Workday at the barn - 3:00 p.m. |
| November 8, 2023 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| November 10&11, 2023 | Wild Hog Cook Off & Ranch Rodeo |
| November 12, 2023 | Clean-up workday at the barn 3:00p.m. |
| December 2&3, 2023 | Stockdale FFA Booster Club Prospect show held at NSLS show barn |
| December 9, 2023 | Validation Day 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Workday at the barn -8:00 a.m. ALL BUYERS' INVITES DUE BY 10:00 a.m. |
| December 13, 2023 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| January 10, 2024 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| February 3, 2024 | Validation Day 8:30-10:00 a.m. Workday at the barn- 8:30 a.m. |
| February 14, 2024 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| March 2, 2024 | Workday at the barn- 9:00 a.m. |
| March 6, 2024 | Exhibitor Group Meeting; Raffle Tickets Due - 6:00 p.m. |
| March 8&9, 2024 | Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show and Sale |
| March 10, 2024 | MANDATORY clean-up at 9:00a.m. |
| April 10, 2024 | Thank You Notes turn-in 6:00-7:00p.m. Show Barn Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| TBD | Exhibitor check distribution 6:00-7:00 p.m. Show Barn |
| May 8, 2024 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| June 12, 2024 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |
| July 10, 2024 | Directors' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Barn Office |

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024 Entry Form

Organization:
(Circle one)

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Leesville 4-H Nixon 4-H
 Parents: _____ Smiley 4-H NSHS FCCLA
 Mailing Address: _____ NSHS FFA
 City: _____ Phone: _____ School Grade Level: _____
 Physical address of animal: _____

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|----------------|
| Ag Mechanics (Individual / Team) | \$30.00 | | Total \$ _____ |
| Team Members: _____ | | | |
| Craft | \$30.00 | | Total \$ _____ |
| Layered Cake | \$30.00 | | Total \$ _____ |
| Turkeys | \$30.00 | \$25.00 x _____ (# of pens of 5) = \$ _____ Add'l validation X \$10.00 | Total \$ _____ |
| Broilers | \$30.00 | \$45.00 x _____ (# of pens of 25) = \$ _____ Add'l validation X \$10.00 | Total \$ _____ |
| Roaster | \$30.00 | | Total \$ _____ |
| Market Rabbits | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____ max 5) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____ max 5) | Total \$ _____ |
| Fryer Rabbit | \$30.00 | | Total \$ _____ |
| Market Hog | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Breeder Hog | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Market Lamb | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Breeder Lamb | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Market Goat | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Breeder Goat | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Market Steer | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Breeder Heifer | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) Add'l validation X \$10.00 (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |
| Comm Heifers | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____ max 3) Add'l validation \$10.00 (Tag# _____ max 3) | Total \$ _____ |
| Local Bred Steer | \$30.00 | (Tag# _____) | Total \$ _____ |

Family Validation Fee \$10.00 per class \$10 X _____ # of classes: _____ Total \$ _____

Entry Fee Grand Total \$ _____
Cash Check# _____

No refunds unless class does not make, which is determined by the Monday following Validation. Please make checks payable to: Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show

***** Receipt of Rules *****

WITHOUT PROPER COMPLETION OF THIS FORM, YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Entry Forms and Fees are due to the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors at the October scheduled group meeting at the NSLS Barn. The Entry Fee is \$30 per class. See calendar for designated date and time.

Liability:

All entries will be under the control and direction of the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors, however the Directors and Officials will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the Exhibitors or persons.

All animal entries are subject to drug testing, and must be free of disease, physical defects, and parasites.

All Exhibitors are required to read the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Rulebook carefully and not enter the show unless they can wholeheartedly abide by the rules. An Exhibitor who violates any of the show rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums, and awards and/or be subject to such other penalties as the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors may order.

By signing this form, we certify that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the rules in the current Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Rulebook and Entry Certification.

By signing this form, we give permission for the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors to verify eligibility of the Exhibitor. See "Elements of Eligibility - Exhibitor.

By signing this form, we give permission for the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors to use the exhibitor's name, photo(s), & placing(s) for promotional purposes.

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____