

**GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW ASSOCIATION
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2025

PREMIUM and BREEDER SHOW RULES

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GENERAL RULES

Market Entries and Breeder Entries

1. The GCYSA livestock show is sponsored by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association. The GCYSA Board of Directors will reserve the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle all matters questioned, and differences in regard thereto. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises.
2. **Show Dates:** February 27th, February 28th, and March 1st, 2025
3. **Exhibitor Eligibility:**
 - a. Exhibitor must be a FFA or 4-H member in Gonzales County by **November 1, 2024** at 5:00 pm. If not complete by the date of validation, a \$100 late fee will be charged at the time of validation, and the exhibitor will have 7 business days to complete registration.
 - b. Exhibitor must have a homestead in Gonzales County or attend a school in Gonzales County at the time of club registration and time of show.
 - c. Animals must be housed in Gonzales County. Any exceptions to this rule will be handled on a case by case basis. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to petition the board by November 1st for any exceptions. Any animal not at the given location stated on Entry Form will be disqualified from the show, as determined by the Board of Directors. The board has the right to complete random checks.
 - d. Exhibitor must also be enrolled in school and passing all subjects as of the most recent completed grading period. The GCYSA will follow UIL Eligibility Guidelines.
 - e. Exhibitor may show in only one community/local/county show during the year.
4. **In order to be eligible for the GCYS, the exhibitor must obtain a Quality Counts Certification number by January 31, 2025. Website: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>. This certification is obtained THREE SEPARATE TIMES; once as a Junior Showman, once as an Intermediate Showman and once as a Senior Showman.**

OR

5. **Exhibitors must attend an educational class organized and provided by the GCYSA on a TBD date and time. If not complete by the due date, exhibitor will pay \$100 and must complete Quality Counts within 7 business days.**
6. **Entry Fees:**
 - a. All entry cards, validation fees (including major tag fee), and membership fees are due at validation. A maximum of six animals may be entered per division. Poultry is a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 125 per exhibitor. Rabbits will be \$15.00 up to 3 head and \$15.00 for each additional entry up to 6 total rabbits per exhibitor. There will be a validation fee of \$15.00 for each market animal entered. Poultry will be \$15.00 per pen and a per-chick fee based on the cost of each chick.
 - b. All exhibitors selling a project will pay a commission fee of 3%. This fee will be taken out of the sale check.
 - c. Breeding show exhibitors will be required to pay a \$15 entry fee at the time of validation for each animal validated.
 - d. Examples:
 - i. Validating a gilt as a Market Entry/Breeder Entry = \$30
 - ii. Validating a gilt as a Market Entry/Breeder Entry for siblings Tommy and Sally = \$60
 - e. There will be a GCYSA membership fee of \$10.00 per exhibitor to be paid at time of validation.
 - f. Validation fee is per head or pen per each exhibitor. At the time of validation, you must identify each potential exhibitor's name that may show the animal.
7. All animals must stay in place until released by one of the superintendents of the division. Once checked in, animals may not leave the barn until released.

8. Any animal that gets loose 3 times or is deemed unruly by the show superintendent(s) will be excused from the ring and placed according to the judge in their division. The animal will not be allowed to return for showmanship.
9. **Liability:**
 - a. All livestock will be under the control and direction of the Livestock Superintendents, but, the Directors of the Youth Show or officials will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the exhibitor or persons.
 - b. NO ONE but the exhibitors, the official judge, and the Show Board Directors will be allowed in the judging ring. Exceptions will be determined by the GCYSA Board Members.
10. Any exhibitor whose conduct is detrimental to the livestock show could be disqualified from the show and sale, and all future shows, by the directors of the Gonzales County Youth Show Association. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule or producing a disruptive behavior/action could immediately lead up to 1 year of suspension, adult supervision at all times or termination of future shows as determined by the Board of Directors.
11. Exhibitors must show and sell his/her own entry unless he/she has obtained prior approval from his/her supervisor and the division superintendent. The substitute showman must be a member of 4-H or FFA and have a current Quality Counts Certificate. No substitute showman may compete for showmanship awards. A completed substitute form must be properly filled out, signed by all parties and submitted to the division superintendent at the time of check in. Any exhibitor found to be ineligible and has shown and/or taken their own animal through the sale will forfeit all proceeds above the floor bid and those proceeds will be refunded to the premium buyer. Any exhibitor that is not eligible under the Texas Education Code may not obtain a substitute to exhibit and sell his/her animal. The exhibitor will be allowed to sell his/her animal for market price.
12. No public display of alcohol will be allowed in the show barn.
13. Directors and their children will be allowed to unload their animals prior to the scheduled time in order to work the stock show.
14. Exhibitor must declare if they are showing swine, lamb, or goat as a market or breeder animal at time of show weigh-in. Once the animal is declared market or breeder, the animal cannot be shown by anyone else as market or breeder.
15. Any exhibitor found to be treating an animal inhumanely is subject to disqualification from current and/or future shows at the show board's discretion.
16. No companion animals or animals not entered in the show will be permitted to be housed in the show barn during the show.

MARKET SHOW

Validation for all **MARKET and BREEDER** animals will be as follows:

Steers and Halter Heifers*	Tuesday , June 25, 2024	Mitchell Hardcastle's Home 1131 W. CR 271; Gonzales 8:00 am to 9:00 am
		Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Lambs and Goats*	Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	J.B. Wells Park
Halter Heifers	Thursday, October 17, 2024 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Pecan Grove Vet Clinic
Swine*	Thursday, November 21, 2024 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	J.B. Wells Park
Commercial Heifers	Sunday, December 1, 2024 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic
	Sunday, December 8, 2024 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic
Broilers	Friday, December 6, 2024 Deadline for Ordering	Order at Gonzales Co. Extension Office
	Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Pick-Up Chickens	Tentative: subject to change based on delivery
Rabbits Ag Mechanics Entries Due Bake Show Recipe/Entries Due	Tuesday, January 21, 2025 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	J.B. Wells Park

*indicates validation for both major and local shows

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM SHOW GENERAL RULES

1. Validation Information:

- a. All animals will be tattooed at time of validation. There is an exception for pigs, which will be tagged, and the ear notch(es) recorded. Exhibitors unable to have their animals validated at the time of validation must make arrangements with the County Agent or Ag Teacher and a show board member to have their animal validated. Arrangements must be made before the original validation date.
 - b. All female lamb and goat entries that are not registered must have USDA scrapie ID tag in ear prior to validation.**
2. Show weigh-in schedule will be announced at a later date.
 3. No pens may be reserved. Pens will be filled as exhibitors arrive.
 4. A completed drug certification form signed by the exhibitor and parent or guardians will be required prior to show weigh-in. The Gonzales County Youth Show Association, Inc. reserves the right to test any animal and have all livestock and poultry entries visually examined by a veterinarian.
 5. The showing of any animal that has been administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited.

Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication will forfeit all rights, money and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show. No paint, glitter or any other substance that adheres to the animal may be used for decoration at the sale. The animal must be in its natural state when it is brought through the sale ring.

6. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or psychological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, and/or show management, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.
7. Each exhibitor may show two market entries – but not the same species.
8. To promote county bred livestock, a separate class will be held for market steers, swine, goats, rabbits, and lambs. To qualify for this class, the exhibitor must provide a signed statement from the breeder that the animal was born in Gonzales County. **This form must be turned in within 10 days after validation (no exceptions).**
9. Only one market entry will be sold per exhibitor unless exhibitors have Grand or Reserve in two different species. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold. Exhibitors must notify the GCYSA board within 30 minutes after the last class is judged as to which entry will be sold.
10. All resale money will be distributed to respective exhibitors. If no resale money is received, the exhibitor is responsible for removing his or her animal.
11. A weight shrink will be utilized as follows for **floor sale price**:
 - i. Steers – 4%
 - ii. Lambs – 3%
 - iii. Swine – 3%
 - iv. Goats – 3%
12. The show barn will be closed at 12:00 a.m. The barn will be open at 4:00 a.m. There will be a night watchman at the Show Barn at this time. No vehicles will be allowed inside the enclosed area except to unload concession supplies.
13. All animals will be housed in the areas assigned by the show board.

MARKET DIVISIONS

1. Steers
 - a. Show weight – must weigh 1000 at weigh-in with no maximum weight. Floor price will only be paid to the exhibitor up to 1500 pounds.
 - b. Steers, which have been exhibited at other shows, may be shown at the Gonzales Youth Show unless they have qualified for sale in the respective show.
 - c. Classes:
 - i. Steers will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - ii. Grand Champion – First place steers in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - iii. Reserve Grand Champion - First place steers in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place steer in that class will compete.
 - d. All steers must be halter broken. Exhibitors not able to lead their steers into the judging arena will be disqualified and the animal removed from the show. Steers must be polled or dehorned. Scurs are acceptable.
 - e. Steers must be completely slick sheared to ¼ inch hair length prior to weigh-in.
 - f. No drenching or pumping of steers will be allowed once the animal is checked in unless there is a medical necessity and documentation to the Board is provided by a licensed veterinarian upon check-in of the animal.
2. Market Swine (Barrows or Gilts)
 - a. Show weight – 230 pounds to 290 pounds
 - b. No oil based products or talc will be allowed for use on hogs.
 - c. Classes:

- i. Market Swine will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - ii. Grand Champion – First place market swine in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - iii. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market swine in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place swine in that class will compete.
- 3. Market Lambs (Wethers or Ewes)
 - a. Show weight – 90 pounds – No maximum weight
 - b. All lambs must be slick-sheared above the knee and hock joints prior to weigh-in.
 - c. Any lamb showing signs of disease or external parasite will be disqualified from the show.
 - d. Classes:
 - i. Market Lambs will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - ii. Grand Champion - First place market lambs in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - iii. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market lambs in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place lamb in that class will compete.
- 4. Market Goats (Wethers or Does)
 - a. Show Weight - 60 pounds - No maximum weight
 - b. All goats must be slick-shorn above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, prior to weigh-in.
 - c. All goats must have horns tipped blunt before arrival on the show grounds. Removal of horns on the show grounds is not permitted.
 - d. Any goat showing signs of disease or external parasite will be disqualified from the show.
 - e. Small chains, collars, or halters may be used while showing.
 - f. Goats may be any breed or crossbreed.
 - g. Classes:
 - i. Market Goats will be weighed one time only and will be divided into weight classes as equally as possible.
 - ii. Grand Champion - First place market goats in Classes I, II, III and/or IV will compete.
 - iii. Reserve Grand Champion - First place market goats in Classes I, II, III and/or IV except for the class which furnishes the Grand Champion. The second place goat in that class will compete.
- 5. Rabbits (Pen of Three Rabbits)
 - a. Meat classes will be open to all breeds.
 - b. Meat pen shall consist of three rabbits of any sex, all of the same breed and variety.
 - c. Each of the 3 rabbits must weigh 3.5 – 5.5 pounds at time of show. The first 3 weighed will be the exhibitor's entry.
 - d. There is no substitution of an animal after the entry is weighed. Failure to meet weight limits will result in disqualification.
 - e. No diseased rabbits will be allowed. This is at the discretion of the judge and/or the GCYSA Board.
- 6. Broilers (Pen of Three Birds)
 - a. Starting Date: January 15, 2025 (Tentative Based on Delivery)
 - b. All broilers must be purchased from a single designated hatchery. The broilers will be a straight run. Deadline to order is Friday, December 6, 2024.
 - c. Exhibitors will be limited to a chick order with a maximum of 125 per exhibitor/family. All orders must be in increments of 25 chicks.
 - d. Broilers will be paid for in full at the time of pick-up. If ordered, broilers must be paid for by exhibitor.
 - e. Prior to judging, broilers will be examined for bruises, broken wings, etc. Only Grade A broilers may be shown. There will be no substitutions after the entry is examined.
 - f. A maximum of 6 chickens may be presented per exhibitor for the sift.
 - g. Note: Broiler exhibitors may have up to 2 helpers during the show. Helpers must be in grades 3-12.

MARKET AWARDS

1. Steers
 - a. First Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - b. Second Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - c. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner
2. Swine
 - a. First Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - b. Second Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - c. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner
3. Lambs
 - a. First Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - b. Second Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - c. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner
4. Rabbits
 - a. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner
5. Broilers
 - a. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner
6. Goats
 - a. First Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - b. Second Place Weight Class will receive a special ribbon.
 - c. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle and a banner

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Any exhibitor wishing to return for showmanship may compete. Contestants will be called back into the arena to compete at the conclusion of the market and breeder show in each division.
2. Showmanship Classes
 - a. PeeWee Showmanship – Under 3rd Grade
 - i. PeeWee Divisions: Lambs, Goats, Pigs, Cattle
 - b. Junior Showmanship – Enrolled in 3rd Grade through 5th Grade
 - c. Intermediate Showmanship – Enrolled in 6th Grade through 8th Grade
 - d. Senior Showmanship – Enrolled in 9th Grade through 12th Grade
3. Showmanship Awards:
 - a. PeeWee Showmanship – All entries will receive a ribbon.
 - b. Junior Showmanship – 1st place will receive a belt buckle.
 - c. Junior Showmanship – 2nd place will receive a prize.
 - d. Intermediate Showmanship – 1st place will receive a belt buckle.
 - e. Intermediate Showmanship – 2nd place will receive a prize.
 - f. Senior Showmanship – 1st place will receive a belt buckle.
 - g. Senior Showmanship – 2nd place will receive a prize.

All junior, intermediate, and senior exhibitors must show their own animal for showmanship.

COUNTY BRED CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE

1. The highest placing County Bred animal from each class will be allowed to participate in the Championship Drive.
2. Once the Champion is chosen, the next highest placing animal from the class that the Champion came out of will be allowed in the ring to participate in the drive for the Reserve Champion.
3. Any exceptions may be determined by the judge in each division.

PREMIUM AUCTION SALE

1. Sale will be non-terminal with the exhibitor having the option as to sell his or her animal or not. The exhibitor must declare at the time of weigh in as to the intent to sell. The animals that do not go to the floor buyer will still sell for the premium money.
2. Exhibitors may keep or sell non-sale entries (second entry). White ribbon entries will not be sold for premium. The exhibitor is responsible for the disposition of the animal. The exhibitor must state, at the time of weigh-in, if the animal is going back home or will be put on the truck for the floor buyer.
3. Second-entry animals may be sold for the floor price if the floor buyer wishes to purchase. The show superintendent must be informed, before the sale, of the tag number of the animal to be sold.
- 4. ORDER OF SALE**
 - a. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be sold at the beginning of each representative division followed by Grand Class, Reserve Class, blue ribbon animals, then red ribbon animals.
 - b. Divisions will be sold in the following order: Swine, Steers, Goats, Lambs, Rabbits, Broilers, and Baked Goods. Broilers and rabbits will rotate slots 5 and 6 then baked goods will sell last.
5. Swine, Steers, Goats, Lambs, Rabbits, Broilers Sale Limits
 - a. Grand Champion – No limit on sale price
 - b. Reserve Grand Champion – Up to \$10.00 of Grand Champion sale price
 - c. Blue Ribbon – Up to \$10.00 of Reserve Grand Champion sale price
 - d. Red Ribbon – Up to \$10.00 of the lowest blue ribbon sale price
6. Floor bids must be received by sale superintendent (Mike Brzozowski) by 5:00 pm on Friday.
7. Only one market entry will be sold per exhibitor unless the exhibitor has Grand or Reserve in two different divisions. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold.
8. Sale fee will be 3% commission.
9. Exhibitor must be present at the time of the premium auction sale. Any exceptions must be approved by the GCYSA Board prior to the sale.
10. Exhibitor checks will not be distributed until proof of thank you is received by the 4-H or FFA Advisor.

JUNIOR BREEDING FEMALE SHOW

1. Each exhibitor may show 3 breeding animals per species with an entry fee of \$15.00 per entry to be paid at validation.
2. All breeding animals will be validated at the same time as the market division. All entries will be tagged, tattooed and/or ear notch recorded. Entry cards and entry fees must be turned in at the time of validation. Registered heifers must submit a copy of registration papers on or prior to October 17, 2024. Animals must have a tattoo or fire brand if they are unregistered. All breeding animals must be present at the scheduled validation.
3. **All female lambs and goats that are not registered must have a USDA scrapie ID tag in ear prior to validation.**
4. Classes will be broken by the Show Board Superintendents and Advisors.
5. All breeding animals must remain in place until they are released by superintendent. Any exceptions will be determined by the GCYSA Board.
6. All breeder pigs, lambs, and goats will be weighed at check-in.
7. All animals must be housed in the area assigned by the show board.

BREEDING SHOW DIVISIONS

1. Heifers
 - a. Must be halter broken
 - b. No drenching or pumping of heifers will be allowed once the animal is checked in unless there is a medical necessity and documentation to the Board is provided by a licensed veterinarian upon check-in of the animal.
 - c. Must be less than 31 months of age at the time of the show
 - d. Pair: Calf not over 7 months old
 - e. Breed Classes
 - i. American
 - ii. British
 - iii. Exotic
2. Gilts
 - a. Must be born between July 1, 2024 – October 15, 2024
 - b. Breed Classes
 - i. Duroc
 - ii. York
 - iii. Hamp
 - iv. Crossbred
 - v. OPB
3. Ewes
 - a. Must have no more than two permanent teeth in normal position (at discretion of judge)
 - b. Classes will depend on the number of entries.
4. Goats (Does)
 - a. Must have no more than two permanent teeth in normal position (at discretion of judge)
 - b. Classes will depend on the number of entries.
5. Rabbits (Does)
 - a. There will be one class of does.
 - b. Doe is required to be tattooed.

BREEDING SHOW AWARDS

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will each receive a belt buckle.
2. A belt buckle will be given to each of the Grand and Reserve Champion County Bred entries in each Breeding Show Division.

GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

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Reporter – Cynthia Pape

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Broilers – Dillon Brown, John Hahn, and Will Lamprecht

Rabbits – Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn, John Hahn, and Renee Rathmann

Steers/Heifers – Steven Evans, Will Lamprecht, Bubba Ehrig, and John Hahn

Lambs/Goats – Dillon Brown, Will Lamprecht, and Steven Evans

Swine – Kate Richter, Dillon Brown, Will Lamprecht, and Bubba Ehrig

Commercial Heifers – All Directors

Baked Goods – Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn, Sequoya Janacek, and Cynthia Pape

Agriculture Mechanics – All Directors and GCYSA Advisors

Bucket Calf Committee Representatives – Renee Rathmann

All questions and concerns may be directed to any member of the Board of Directors. Specific species questions should be directed to the Superintendents of that specific animal.