

# **Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024-2025 Rules & Guidelines**

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# **Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024-2025 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. The exhibitor must be in a 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/Junior 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 August 1st of the calendar year of the Show. If the student is withdrawn from school, he/she must be in good standing with the Nixon-Smiley CISD at the time of withdrawal.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 the direction of a NSLS board director.
- CLEAN UP AT THE NIXON-SMILEY LIVESTOCK SHOW DOES NOT COUNT!** Failure to complete the required hours needed may result in disqualification from the show and Auction 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 Auction 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 Auction, if so determined by the Board of Directors.
- D. The same animal cannot be shown in both the Market and Breeder classes.

## **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 NSLS 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 Auction.
- D. Any exhibitor whose conduct is detrimental to the NSLS 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 Nixon-Smiley Show grounds at any time before, during, and/or after the show and Auction, may be disqualified from the Show, Auction, and all future shows, if so determined by the NSLS Board of Directors.
- E. All exhibitors and participants are required to wear appropriate clothing at weigh-in, check-in, show, and Auction. 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 Auction if so determined by the NSLS 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. 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 or 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 or 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.
- C. Exhibitors are responsible for the care, grooming, and clean-up of their entry(s).
- D. All Ag Mechanics projects must be validated in writing declaring the project and how it is agriculturally related.
- E. 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 & Auction 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 Auction if so determined by the Board of Directors.

#### **Part Seven – Raffle Tickets**

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 reserves 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/parents 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. All animals must be in their pens prior to weigh-in/check-in. Animal project weights will be written on the back of the exhibitor number card and not announced.
- 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. EXHIBITOR and ANIMAL or PROJECT only. Exhibitor must show capable of handling animal project.
- G. Pens are available on a first come first serve basis. Exhibitors may not dismantle or alter the pens or panels. For safety: (1) All supplies must be kept in designated areas. Blocking aisles with supplies will not be permitted. (2) Pen alleyways must be kept clear during the animal judging competition. Only adults designated by the NSLS Board of Directors will be allowed to stand near pens/alleyways during judging.
- H. The exhibitor must supply his/her own animal's bedding of wood shavings.
- I. Only the exhibitors, the official Judge, designated board members, and designated helpers assigned by the NSLS Board, will be allowed in the judging ring, show area, check-in/weigh-in area and Auction 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 Auction 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 – Auction**

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 Auction. If the Exhibitor is not present, his/her project will not be sold.

C. Projects will be sold in order of placing.

D. Auction Order will be posted prior to the Auction.

E. Auction 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% Auctions 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 Auction may be sold by private treaty.

J. All Auctions are final.

### **Part Ten – Clean-Up and Post-Show/Auction**

A. Every exhibitor will be required to clean up at the Livestock Show.

a. Exhibitors that show on Friday are required to clean up the Friday night after the show ends.

b. Exhibitors that show on Saturday are required to clean up after the show on Saturday afternoon.

c. Exhibitors that show both days are required to clean up both days.

d. All show exhibitors are required to clean up on 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 the 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.

### **Broiler 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 poults 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 dehorned and 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, 2025. All candidates will be drawn at random to participate and 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. The 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 Auction.

### **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 Auction; 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 10 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 to be judged.
- D. Commercial Heifers will not be sold in the Auction; 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. The 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 Auction. All other entries may be sold by private treaty. For Teams:
  - N. Each team member must submit his/her own entry form & fees. 11
  - 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 Auction amount between each of the team members after the Auction.

## **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. The 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 Auction.
- 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. The 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 Auction.

## 2024-2025 Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board Calendar

Wed. Oct. 9, 2024

Exhibitor Group Meeting/ALL Entry forms and fees due @ the Show Barn 6:00pm—7:00pm. This includes ALL animal classes, crafts, cakes, and Ag. Mechanics.

\*Sat. Nov. 2, 2024

Exhibitor workday at the barn to prepare for cook-off/ranch rodeo 8:00am—11:00am

\*Fri. Nov. 8 and Sat. Nov. 9, 2024

Cook-off and Ranch Rodeo at the show barn/grounds—volunteers needed to work gates

\*Sun. Nov. 10, 2024

Cook-off Cleanup at the barn/grounds and Exhibitors workday 2:00pm—5:00pm

November—Turkey exhibitors will be notified of turkey poult pickup at the NSLS barn (park in the back)

\*Sat. Dec. 7, 2024 and Sun. Dec. 8, 2024

Stockdale FFA Project Show at the NSLS barn/grounds—volunteers needed to help in concession stand

Sat. Dec. 14, 2024

Validation for all (market and breeder) Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Steers, Heifers ; Ag. Mechanics blueprints due; Buyer Invitations due; Bucket Calf Entry Forms due 8:00am—10:00am at the NSLS barn (park in the back)

January—Broiler exhibitors will be notified of broiler pickup at the NSLS barn (park in the back)

Sat. Feb. 1, 2025

Validation for Market and Fryer Rabbits 8:00am—10:00am at the NSLS barn (park in the back)

\*Sat. Mar. 1, 2025

Exhibitor Workday to prepare for Stock Show 8:00am—12:00pm

Tues. Mar. 4, 2025

Exhibitor Group Meeting @ the Show Barn at 6:00pm—7:00pm; all raffle ticket and monies are due. No exceptions.

Fri. Mar. 7, 2025 and Sat. Mar. 8, 2025

Stock Show and Auction (see below) at the NSLS barn/grounds

Sun. Mar. 9, 2025

Stock Show Cleanup at the NSLS barn/grounds 9:00am—11:00am (time change—clocks move forward one hour) \*\*REQUIRED Cleanup as per Rulebook

Wed. Apr. 9, 2025

Thank You Notes are Due at the Show Barn 6:00pm—7:00pm

Wed. July 9, 2025 Deadline to order Turkeys—tell NSLS Board of Directors by 6:00pm if interested

Wed. Aug. 13, 2025 Local Bred Steers—tell NSLS Board of Directors by 6:00pm if interested

\*Exhibitors there are several noted work days to earn the service work hours required as per the NSLS Rulebook. It is 4 hours of time. Work consists of cleaning up the grounds, preparing the grounds/barn for events, and working at events (Cook-off gate entrance fee collection and Stockdale FFA project Show concession stand)

*Club Leaders will be notified of any changes to this calendar so it can be shared with exhibitors/parent/guardians*

Date and Time of Auction Checks to be picked up will be Announced

### **NIXON-SMILEY LIVESTOCK SHOW and AUCTION**

#### **Friday, March 7, 2025 (order subject to change)**

2:00-2:30 Check-in for Commercial Heifers at the Commercial Heifer pens.

2:00-2:30 Weigh-in for Market Rabbits and Fryer Rabbits near 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 at the barn scales.

3:30-4:00 Weigh-in for all lambs at the barn scales.

4:00-4:30 Weigh-in for all goats at the barn scales.

4:30-5:00 Weigh-in for all steers and breeder heifers at the barn scales.

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 8, 2025 (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 9, 2025**

9:00 a.m. MANDATORY clean-up for all exhibitors

## 2024-2025 Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors Calendar

Wed. Aug. 14 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Wed. Sept. 11, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

\*Wed. Oct. 9, 2024 Exhibitor Group Meeting/ALL Entry forms and fees due @ the Show Barn 6:00pm—this includes ALL animal classes, crafts, cakes, and Ag. Mechanics; Board of Directors Meeting to follow; Directors and Club Leaders if wanting something added to Stock Show Raffle tickets this is the deadline date

\*Sat. Nov. 2, 2024 Exhibitor workday at the barn to prepare for cook-off/ranch rodeo 8:00am—11:00am

\*Fri. Nov. 8 and Sat. Nov. 9, 2024 Cook-off and Ranch Rodeo at the show grounds

\*Sun. Nov. 10, 2024 Cook-off Cleanup; Exhibitors workday 2:00pm—5:00pm

Wed. Nov. 13, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

\*Sat. Dec. 7, 2024 and Sun. Dec. 8, 2024 Stockdale FFA Project Show

Wed. Dec. 11, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

\*Sat. Dec. 14, 2024 Validation for Market and Breeder Hogs, Market and Breeder Lambs, Market and Breeder Goats, Market Steers; Ag. Mechanics blueprints due; Buyer Invitation dues; Bucket Calf Entry Forms due 8:00am—10:00am; Board of Directors Workday

Wed. Jan. 8, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

\*Sat. Feb. 1, 2025 Validation for Market and Breeder Rabbits 8:00am—10:00am

Wed. Feb. 12, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

\*Sat. Mar. 1, 2025 Exhibitor Workday to prepare for Stock Show 8:00am—12:00pm

\*Tues. Mar. 4, 2025 Exhibitor Group Meeting @ the Show Barn at 6:00pm; Board of Directors Meeting to follow

\*Fri. Mar. 7, 2025 and Sat. Mar. 8, 2025 Stock Show

\*Sun. Mar. 9, 2025 Stock Show Cleanup 9:00am—11:00am (time change—clocks move forward one hour)

\*Wed. Apr. 9, 2025 Thank You Notes are Due at the Show Barn 6:00pm; Board of Directors Meeting to follow

Wed. May 14, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Wed. June 11, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Wed. July 9, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Wed. Aug. 13, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

*Date and Time of Auction Checks to be picked up will be Announced*

**Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024-2025 Entry Form**

Organization: (circle one) Nixon 4-H Smiley 4-H Leesville 4-H NSHS FFA NSHS FCCLA

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of animal or project \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_