

Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show



2026-2027 EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

**Klein ISD Multipurpose Center
Klein, TX**

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 12, 2026 (Saturday)	Entry Deadline 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Group Buy	Klein Multipurpose Center
October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)	Draw Announced	Klein Multipurpose Center
October 8, 2026 (Thursday)	Turkey Pickup 2:30 PM -4:30 PM	Klein Multipurpose Center
October 10, 2026 (Saturday)	Swine, Lamb, & Goat Selection	Klein Multipurpose Center
December 17, 2026 (Thursday)	Fryer Rabbit Pickup 2:30 PM- 4:30 PM	Klein Multipurpose Center
December 18, 2026 (Friday)	Broiler Pickup 2:30 PM -4:30 PM	Klein Multipurpose Center
January 20, 2027 (Wednesday)	Agriscience Fair Manuscript Submission	Campus
February 26, 2027 (Friday)	Thank You Letters due to AST	Campus

2027 Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show Schedule (TENTATIVE)

February 1, 2027 (Monday)

Agriculture Science Teacher Pre-Show Meeting	5:30 PM	Arena
Chapter Farm Committee Show Set Up / Tack Move In	6:00 PM	All KMPC

February 2, 2027 (Tuesday)

Breeding Poultry Check In	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Barn
Breeding Poultry Show	9:00 AM	Barn
Breeding & Fryer Rabbit Check In	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Barn
Fryer Rabbit Show	9:00 AM	Arena
Breeder Rabbit Show	Following Fryer Rabbit Show	Arena
Agriculture Mechanics Check In	10:00 AM -12:00 PM	Barn
Agriculture Mechanics Show	1:00 PM	Barn
Agriculture Science Fair Check In	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	RM 311
Photography Check In	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	RM 302

February 3, 2027 (Wednesday)

Large Animal Project Move In (Excluding Heifers)	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Barn
Horticulture Check In (Wave 1)	1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	RM 308/309
Photography Competition - Judging *Closed to Public	8:00 AM	RM 302
Agriculture Science Fair - Judging *Closed to Public	10:00 AM	RM 311
Large Animal Check In / Weigh In	6:00 PM	Barn

February 4, 2027 (Thursday)

Breeding Beef Heifer Move In	6:00 AM	Barn
Horticulture Competition Judging Round 1 *Closed to Public	8:00 AM	RM 308/309
Swine Show	9:00 AM	Arena
Goat Show	2:00 PM	Arena
Heifer Show	5:00 PM	Arena
Heifer Move Out	Following Show	Barn

February 5, 2027 (Friday)

Horticulture Check In (Wave 2)	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	RM 308/309
Floral Design Check In	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Ballroom
Floral Design Competition	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Ballroom
Market Poultry Check In	7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Barn
Market Poultry Show: Broilers followed by Turkeys	9:00 AM	Arena
Horticulture Competition Judging Round 2 *Closed to Public	9:00 AM	RM 308/309
Lamb Show	12:00 PM	Arena
Steer Show	2:00 PM	Arena
Arena	Following Show	Arena
Breakdown	5:00 PM	Arena
Auction Meeting		Arena

February 6, 2027 (Saturday)

Freezer Sale - Livestock Projects	8:00 AM	Foyer
Horticulture/Floral Design/Photography Sales	8:00 AM	RM 308/309
Sponsor Pictures	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Ballroom
Buyer's Reception	11:00 AM	Ballroom
Chapter Pictures at Large Backdrop	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Barn
AUCTION	1:00 PM	Arena
Large Animal Project Move Out (Processors)	1 hour after conclusion of the Auction	Arena & Barn
Large Animal Project Pick Up (All Other Buyers)	Immediately following Processors	

February 7, 2027 (Sunday)

Chapter Farm Committee Show Facility Clean Up	8:00 AM	Arena & Barn
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GENERAL SHOW RULES

Eligibility:

- 1) Klein ISD students who have paid their FFA dues and are enrolled in at least one Agriscience course, for a minimum of one semester, during the current school year may exhibit projects.
- 2) All students exhibiting animal projects must complete a **mandatory** "Quality Counts" online training and submit their verification number to their Agriscience teacher by **December 1, 2026**.
- 3) Students deemed ineligible by UIL guidelines are not allowed to participate in the Klein ISD Livestock and Project Show. Both the animal and student are considered ineligible. Ineligible students are not allowed to bring their project(s) onto the show facilities or to sell their animal with any affiliation to the show.
- 4) FFA members may not miss more than two (2) FFA meetings to be eligible to show. Projects of these students are not allowed on the show facilities.
- 5) All projects for the Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show must be housed within a 20-mile radius of Klein ISD for project supervision. The project may have to be transported by the exhibitor to weigh days at the Agriscience Teacher's discretion.
- 6) Records for all projects shown must be kept in the student's AET record book.
- 7) A substitute exhibitor may be allowed only for an illness or injury with a doctor's note OR in regard to an advancing / qualifying UIL event resulting in a scheduling conflict. The doctor's note must be turned in at check in. The substitute exhibitor must be from the same school, meet UIL eligibility guidelines, and be an active FFA member.
- 8) Exhibitors are required to keep their space(s) clean and to provide feed and water buckets for their projects.
- 9) All exhibitors are required to wear the following **FFA Official Dress** while exhibiting their project, excluding **Floral Design, Horticulture, Breeding Poultry and Photography**:
 - White collared dress shirt, black pants/slacks, an official FFA necktie, black belt, black socks and black closed toed/heel shoes or boots.
 - An official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, tucked in, with the collar turned down and cuffs buttoned is required for all shows.
 - Floral Design: All elements of official dress are required , excluding an FFA Jacket.
 - Horticulture, Breeding Poultry, & Photography: Official dress is not required for competition

All Grand & Reserve Champions in Breeding Poultry, Floral Design, Horticulture, and Photography must be in official dress for official show/media photographs.

Failure to comply with official dress requirements will result in being ineligible to exhibit or sell your project.

- 10) Conduct: All participants and attendees are expected to demonstrate respect, integrity, and good sportsmanship at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior— including disrespectful conduct, interference with judging, or actions that compromise the integrity of the show—may result in disqualification and/or removal from the event.

Grooming:

- 11) Exhibitors must groom their own animals. Guardians of the student/project, current & active fellow FFA chapter members, or immediate family members, and the Agriscience teacher(s) may assist on the show facilities. No fitters will be allowed to groom animals.
- 12) The unethical fitting of livestock and/or treatment of animals will not be allowed. Any occurrence will be reviewed by the Show Committee and Klein ISD personnel and can result in removal from participation.

Ownership:

- 13) Ownership of projects may not be transferred after selection/validation for that specific project. Poultry projects may be shared by siblings in an immediate family but must have a corresponding entry. Any ownership change prior to selection must have the exhibitor's Agriscience teacher and Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. approval.

Death of An Animal:

- 14) Neither Klein ISD, Klein High School FFA, Klein Forest High School FFA, Klein Oak High School FFA, Klein Collins High School FFA, Klein Cain High School FFA, Klein ISD Agricultural Sciences Teachers, nor any school official shall be held responsible for injury to or death of any animal while the animal is on

school property, housed at any other facility, or during transportation, care, or any other task related to the animal's management and welfare.

15) In the event an animal dies the following protocol must be followed:

- a) Immediate Notification-The student or supervising adult must notify the agricultural science teacher immediately.
- b) Animal Disposition- The responsibility of the removal of the animal and any associated costs falls on the owner. The owner, family, and agricultural science teacher will jointly determine appropriate disposition of the animal's remains. The animal will be removed immediately from the facility. The pen will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized within 48 hours of the incident occurring.

Livestock Provider Communication

16) Per the Klein ISD Livestock Provider Contract, students, parents/guardians, and supporters of Klein ISD agricultural programs and FFA activities shall refrain from contacting livestock providers regarding program animals, incidents, concerns, or disputes. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the appropriate Klein ISD agricultural science teacher.

Judge Communication

17) Per the Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show Judge Agreement, students, parents/guardians, and supporters of Klein ISD agricultural programs and FFA activities shall refrain from contacting judges regarding judging decisions, scores, placings, comments, or any show-related matters.

Photography, Video, and Audio Recordings

18) In accordance with the Klein ISD Student Code of Conduct, students shall not take photographs, record video, or create audio recordings in a manner that disrupts the educational environment, interferes with show operations, or invades the privacy of others.

Failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from Klein ISD agricultural program activities and events.

Large Animal Check In / Weigh In:

- 19) All large animal projects (excluding heifers) must be in place no later than 5:00 PM on **February 3, 2027 (Wednesday)** unless approval has been granted by the KISD Show Committee in order to be eligible to show.
- 20) A committee comprised of three advisors will check projects for the following:
 - a) All unruly / dangerous livestock are not allowed to show; and
 - b) Any animal that is sick or shows symptoms of disease will be removed.

Other:

- 21) Any project left on the show grounds becomes property of the FFA Chapter.
- 22) In the event of a complaint and / or infraction of the rules, it must be submitted in writing the day of the event to the Klein ISD Show President. The Show Committee, along with the Klein ISD CTE Director and the Assistant Director of CTE over Agriculture Science, will review the concern and decide the outcome by a quorum of the Committee. The Show Committee and the Klein ISD CTE Administration reserve the right to adjust the rules to best benefit the goal of the project show, in any case a majority of the Committee must be in agreement with a rule change.
- 23) Entries are awarded ribbons for first through tenth place according to merit. Trophies, banners, and buckles are awarded to Grand Champions. Belt buckles and banners are awarded Grand and Reserve Showmanship and Reserve Champions.
- 24) Load out begins **February 6, 2027 (Saturday) 1 hour** after the auction for processors, buyer pickup will take place immediately following processors.
- 25) Klein ISD is not responsible for any losses, accidents or injuries to any person or entry. Texas Statute (Texas Tort Claims Act §101.051) provides Klein Independent School District, its trustees and employees, tort immunity because of bodily injury or property damage resulting from the District's premises or its operations. Participant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Klein Independent School District, its employees and volunteers for any injury sustained by participant occurring or alleged to have occurred in the course of, or as a result of, the activities as a participant in the KISD FFA Livestock & Project Show. Participants agree to abide by all Klein Independent School District policies and procedures and accepted guidelines pertaining to this project as well as all the Klein Independent School District safety rules and regulations.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND DRUG RESIDUE POLICY

Identification

All animal identification (ear tags, bands) must remain in the animal to its final destination after the show. Removal will result in a replacement fee of **\$250** to be deducted from the exhibitors show proceeds or at the expense of the exhibitor.

DNA Testing

The purpose of DNA testing is to support the validity of ownership of the animal.

- A. An initial hair sample will be collected from each animal (steer, lamb, goat and swine) at the time of the selection process. Exhibitors must remain with their animal during the collection process.
- B. A legal guardian needs to be present when the sample is taken. If a legal guardian cannot be present a waiver form must accompany the student and be presented to show officials. Forms may be obtained from the Agriscience Teacher.
- C. The hair samples will be sealed in a tamper-proof envelope identified by the animal's ear tag number. The hair sample collection process will be facilitated by the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. designee.
- D. The initial hair samples will be stored under the supervision of the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. (Show Committee)
- E. The Show Committee reserves the right to initiate a DNA comparison test on any animal in the steer, lamb, goat, and swine divisions if ownership is in question (i.e. when an ear tag is lost or there is a question of tampering).
- F. If someone outside of the Show Committee wishes to submit a protest of ownership, it must be made with specific reasoning in writing, along with **\$250** cash, to the Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc. The protest will be reviewed and considered by the Show Committee. If the protest is accepted, the \$250 cash collected from the person protesting will be used, in part, to pay for the DNA testing. The \$250 fee will be refunded if the protest proves to be valid (DNA does not match initial sample).
- G. If the owner refuses the collection of the initial DNA sample or a sample to be compared to the initial sample, or if the sample comes back from testing and it does not match the initial DNA sample, the entry is disqualified and the exhibitor forfeits all awards and all sale money (auction, freezer, add-ons) collected through the Show Committee. In addition, any future Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show entries of this exhibitor is subject to DNA testing.

Drug Residue Avoidance Policy

- A. Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy, which means if positive results are reported, we have an obligation to investigate.
 - a. **Zero Tolerance is based on the elimination period, rather than the withdrawal period.**
 - The withdrawal period is the amount of time that must pass for consumed products to be safe. The elimination period is the amount of time it takes for all residue to be eliminated from an animal's system. For most drugs, the elimination period is longer than the withdrawal period.
 - a. **Unapproved drugs are prohibited.**
 - Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication meant for human usage.
 - **NOTE:** Products labeled "all natural" that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test.
- B. **Drug residue testing:** Exhibitors and guardians consent and agree that any market entries may, at the discretion of the Show Committee, be tested for unauthorized use of medications or drugs. They further certify that they will not administer their market entry with any substance not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for this species. (For example, they will not give a substance labeled as a swine feed supplement to poultry.) Their entry is not, nor will it be, within any elimination or withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical, or feed additive approved by the FDA and / or USDA by the time the animal(s) is officially checked-in

by the Show Committee. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit their animal(s) for testing at any time after check in. The Show Committee reserves the right to perform any test, including but not limited to tissue, feather, blood and /or urine laboratory analysis, on the Grand and Reserve champions, along with a random group of animals from each division. Random selections will be drawn prior to exhibition of the projects and posted for the exhibitors. The Show Committee President and the Klein ISD Career & Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator for Agriscience will do the random drawing. The exhibitor and his/her guardian must be present during the collection for testing and must witness the sample; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The Show Committee reserves the right to condemn and / or disqualify any animal, either alive or dead, found in violation of the use of any drug, chemical, or feed additive as described above and the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and sale proceeds and be subject to testing at future Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show. If an animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the disqualification will not impact class or overall placing for that species.

- C. If a sample tests positive for illegal drug residue during the preliminary test, the guardian / exhibitor has the right to request a second test to confirm the results. The second sample taken from the same animal will then be sent to the state testing lab for further testing. The guardian / exhibitor will be responsible in advance for all costs associated with this second test. Should the results of the second test not confirm the findings in the first test, the cost of the test (minus shipping and handling) will be refunded. Knowledge of this pending information will only be made available to the Klein ISD CTE Director, Klein ISD CTE Coordinator, Agriscience Instructor and the two officers Show Committee for privacy purposes only.
- D. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian with the prior approval of the Show Committee under the supervision of the FFA Advisor will be allowed to administer a drug, chemical, or feed additive.
- E. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- F. Exhibitors refusing to submit their animal/pen for drug testing will be disqualified and must remove their animal/pen from the show grounds immediately.
- G. **Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** By making entry into the Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show, the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal / pen rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the buyer and/or his agent(s).
- H. **Document all treatment records:** If the animal is treated with an approved drug and withdrawal times are observed, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain an official record in their AET record book of treatment from the veterinarian, including date of administration and dosage, as well as to inform their AST.
- I. Exhibitors are encouraged to stay with their animal / pen during the hours that the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center is open. No one other than the Klein ISD Police Department and Klein ISD representatives will be allowed in the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center when it is closed. The Show Committee is not responsible for the acts of third parties.

PROJECT ENTRIES

- A. Entries for group buy animals are due upon payment for each species on **September 12, 2026 (Saturday)**.
- B. Entry Fee per project:
 - \$50 per Floral Entry
 - \$25 per Large Animal Entry (Cattle, Lamb, Goat, Swine)
 - \$25 per Agriculture Mechanics Entry
 - \$10 per Entry (Poultry, Rabbits, Horticulture, Ag Science Fair, Photography)
- C. Entry forms must be completed in their entirety (front and back), including the W-9 form.
- D. Four (4) large animal (steer, swine, lamb, and goat) projects may be shown.
- E. Breeding beef exhibitors may show one (1) entry.

GROUP PURCHASING

- A. The following species are group purchased animals for the Klein ISD Livestock & Project Show:
 - a. Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Poultry, Fryer Rabbits
- B. Dates and times for individual species shall be listed under the species rules.
- C. Deadline for the purchase of all group buy projects excluding steers is:
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at KMPC September 12, 2026 (Saturday).
- D. A signed entry contract must accompany the payment.
- E. Payment must be made in money order, cashier's check, or credit. No personal checks will be accepted. Payment is non-refundable.
- F. The draw date for lambs, goats and swine will be **October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)**. The drawing for selection order will be completed through a random draw generator. Oversight of the drawing will be by the Show Executive Committee and Klein ISD representatives. This will determine the order of selection on **October 10, 2026 (Saturday)**.
- G. FFA Show Project Selection Attendance -
In order to ensure a fair and organized selection, all students are expected to be present at the designated project selection event. If a student is unable to attend, they must notify their Agricultural Science Teacher/FFA Advisor in advance.
Any student who is absent from the selection will be moved to the bottom of the draw order. In such cases, the student's Agricultural Science Teacher/FFA Advisor will select a project on their behalf.
- H. Students may purchase only one animal per species excluding poultry and rabbit projects.
- I. Assistance from guardians, Agriscience teachers, or peers is allowed during the selection viewing period.
- J. No one may enter the pen during selection except show officials and show staff appointed personnel.
- K. Animals will be selected at three-minute (3 min) intervals.
- L. In addition to student exhibitors, other individuals may be present during the selection process, but non-student exhibitors must remain in designated areas announced during the selection.
- M. Hair samples for DNA identification will be taken to establish the identity of the animal.
- N. All projects shall be transported immediately after the selection.
- O. If a large animal species, excluding steer, dies within the first ten (10) days, then, with the approval of the Show Committee, the breeder will replace the animal unless the death was due to the exhibitor's negligence. A post-mortem by a veterinarian may be required as determined by the Show Committee with all expenses incurred by the exhibitor. If negligence is ruled out, then the cost of the post-mortem will be reimbursed.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIE INFORMATION FOR GROUP PURCHASES

Market Steers

- A. Deadline for the deposit for purchase of steer the 2027 Klein ISD FFA Livestock Show will be **March 22, 2027 (Monday)** to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. Purchase Price TBD (Est.\$3000 - \$3500). Deposit due is 25%. Balance due **May 7, 2027 (Friday)**.
- C. Selection will take place on **June 3, 2027 (Thursday)** location Klein Multipurpose Center - Barn.
- D. Drawing for selection will be done with a random draw generator **June 2, 2027 (Wednesday)**. Oversight of the drawing will be by the Show Executive Committee and Klein ISD Representatives.

Market Swine

- A. Deadline for payment of swine is **September 12,2026 (Saturday)** to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order, or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. Purchase price is \$300.00.
- C. Selection will take place on **October 10, 2026 (Saturday)** at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- D. **Drawing for selection will take place by random draw generator on October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)**.
- E. Viewing will be from 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM
- F. Selection begins at 8:00 AM. Additional time will be allowed during the middle of the draw.

Market Lambs

- A. Deadline for payment of lambs is **September 12,2026 (Saturday)** to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order, or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. Purchase price is \$500.
- C. Selection will take place on **October 10, 2026 (Saturday)** at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- D. **Drawing for selection will take place by random draw generator on October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)**.
- E. Selection to begin at the end of the 1 hour viewing, approximately 30 minutes after swine selection. Additional time will be allowed during the middle of the draw.

Market Goats

- A. Deadline for payment of goats is **September 12,2026 (Saturday)**) to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order, or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. Purchase price is \$650.
- C. Selection will take place on **October 10, 2026 (Saturday)** at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- D. **Drawing for selection will take place by random draw generator on October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)**.
- E. Viewing will begin after the completion of the lamb selection for 1 hour.
- F. Selection to begin at the end of viewing at approximately 2:00 PM. Additional time will be allowed during the middle of the draw.

Fryer Rabbits

- A. Deadline for payment of fryer rabbits is **September 12, 2026 (Saturday)** to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order, or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. All fryer rabbits to be picked up at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- C. Purchase price is \$260.00.
- D. Fryer rabbits will be distributed between 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM on **December 17, 2026 (Thursday)**

Poultry

- A. Deadline for payment of poultry is **September 12, 2026 (Saturday)** to the **Klein ISD FFA Show Committee, Inc.** in credit, money order, or cashier's check. A service fee will be applied to credit card payments.
- B. All poultry to be picked up at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- Turkeys will be distributed on **October 8, 2026 (Thursday)** 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center Show Barn.
 - Broilers will be distributed on **December 18, 2026 (Friday)** from 2:30 PM. to 4:00 PM at the Klein Multipurpose Center Show Barn.
- C. Poultry will be wing banded and a band must be in place on the wing to show. Correct band numbers are **mandatory**. *Keep a record of your band numbers.*
- D. Only siblings residing in the same household may raise birds together.
- E. A minimum of twenty-five (25) broilers in increments of twenty-five (25), or a minimum of five (5) turkeys must be ordered to be eligible for the show.
- F. Purchase price for poultry is as follows:
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| Turkeys | \$ 7.00 (\$35 for 5) |
| Broilers | \$ 2.00 (\$50.00 for 25) |

LIVESTOCK SALES

Livestock Pre-Sale Recommendations

- A. All exhibitors are encouraged to have a pre-sale buyer for each large animal project shown.
- B. The pre-sale form must be turned in no later than the **January Show Meeting** to the student's Agriscience teacher.
- C. The pre-sale form should be completed in its entirety with check(s)/funding attached.
- D. Students should solicit legitimate buyers. Such pre-sale commitments will assist you in the event you do not advance to the auction. If the pre-sale amount designated by the buyer is to be used as an add-on (donation), then the corresponding box must be checked on the form.

Freezer Sale

- A. Exhibitors may only sell one animal or pen (broilers or fryers) per species.
- B. Large animals eligible for the Freezer Sale shall include animals that were exhibited to the judge.
- C. Any animal that is underweight shall be removed from the show facility prior to the barn closing on Check In/Weigh In day.
- D. All other sales are private treaty and have no affiliation with the show.
- E. "For Sale" signs of any type are not allowed in the show facility.
- F. Poultry, Rabbits, Horticulture, Photography, Agriculture Science Fair, and Floral design must be removed from the facility on **February 6, 2027 (Saturday)** within 1 hour of the close of the show.
- G. Large animal buyer pick up projects or projects returning home with the exhibitor must be picked up immediately after processor pickup is complete. Release paperwork must be completed prior to removal. A line will be established to determine order of pick up.
- H. Exhibitors participating in Freezer Sale have the following options:
 - Sell the project for the agreed upon price;
 - Take the project home;
 - Send the project to auction barn by a designated AST; or
 - Send the project to the processor.

Note: Add-ons may be made at the designated add-on table

- I. Below is a list of suggested prices for each project:

Steer	\$4,000.00	Turkey/ Broilers(3)	\$150.00
Swine	\$400.00	Fryers(3)	\$300.00
Lamb	\$600.00	Photography	\$50.00
Goat	\$750.00	Horticulture	\$50.00
		Floral	\$75.00

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- Note:** 1% from the amount above will be designated for the contingency fund and the remainder will apply toward show expenses.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK AND PROJECT RULES

General Livestock Rules

- A. No residue can be present on animals presented for Show. This would include any artificial or natural product not naturally occurring on the animal. Only water may be used.
- B. The use of pelleted shavings is not permitted.
- C. During large livestock weigh in only exhibitors, Agriscience teachers and show committee staff assisting with official weigh in may be present at the scales.
 - i. Species that do not meet minimum weight requirements will be given 20 minutes from the time of initial weigh in to return and walk across the scales.

Market Steer Exhibition

- A. Only steer purchased through the group buy process will be permitted to show.
- B. All steer must weigh at least one-thousand (1,000) pounds at the time of show check in with a 25 lb scale tolerance.
- C. The number of classes will be determined by the Show Committee. Classes will be broken by weight as evenly as possible.
- D. Steers must be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch (the tail switch being no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail). The tail may be ratted and balled or bobbed off. Steers not meeting requirements must be re-clipped at the time of notification and prior to weigh-in.
- E. All steer will be weighed-in following lambs and goats on **February 3, 2027 (Wednesday)**.
- F. Steer hair and tail check will take place at 5:30 p.m. on **February 3, 2027 (Wednesday)**.
- G. No residue can be present on the animal at the time of show.
- H. Drenching is permissible **ONLY** under the direct supervision of any Klein ISD Agriscience teacher, provided the exhibitor's assigned Agriscience teacher has been made aware. Pumping, tubing, or the use of any unethical methods during drenching will result in disqualification.

Breeding Beef Exhibition

- A. Each exhibitor may enter and show one (1) Breeding Beef. Heifers must follow State Validation guidelines. These may be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/heifer-validation>
- B. A copy of the registration papers must be submitted to the Klein ISD Show Committee by the validation deadline. These may be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/heifer-validation>
- C. Heifer substitutions must be submitted to the Klein ISD Show Committee by **January 1, 2027 (Friday)** and still meet State Validation requirements.
- D. Heifers will be shown in the following classes:
- E.

American:	British:	Exotic Breeds:
• Under 12 months; • 12-18 months; • 19-24 months; • 25-30 months.	• Under 12 months; • 12-18 months; • 19-24 months; • 25-30 months.	• Under 12 months; • 12-18 months; • 19-24 months; • 25-30 months.

- F. First and second place animals in each division will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion.
- G. A trophy and buckle will be awarded to the Champion heifer and a buckle will be awarded to the Reserve Champion.
- H. The heifer show will be a "blow-and-go" show. No adhesive, artificial coloring or hair extensions will be allowed. Heifers will be checked prior to entering the Show Ring and violation will result in disqualification. No residue can be present on the animal at the time of show.
- I. Heifers will be released after the conclusion of the Heifer show.
- J. Drenching is permissible **ONLY** under the direct supervision of any Klein ISD Agriscience teacher, provided the exhibitor's assigned Agriscience teacher has been made aware. Pumping, tubing, or the use of any unethical methods during drenching will result in disqualification.

Market Lamb Exhibition

- A. All market lambs must be purchased through Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show group purchase.
- B. For group purchase information, refer to **INDIVIDUAL SPECIE INFORMATION FOR GROUP PURCHASES** section.
- C. Lambs must weigh a minimum 90 lbs with a 5lb scale tolerance and a maximum of one hundred seventy five pounds 175lbs.
- D. All lambs must be slick shorn from the hock up prior to arrival to the show facility.
- E. The number of classes of lambs shall be determined by the Show Committee.
- F. Lambs will be shown without halters or chains.
- G. No adhesive will be allowed. Lambs will be checked prior to entering the Show Ring and violation will result in disqualification.
- H. During official weigh-in all animals will be weighed in natural state free from any accessories.
- I. Drenching is permissible **ONLY** under the direct supervision of any Klein ISD Agriscience teacher, provided the exhibitor's assigned Agriscience teacher has been made aware. Pumping, tubing, or the use of any unethical methods during drenching will result in disqualification.

Market Goat Exhibition

- A. All market goats must be purchased through Klein ISD Livestock & Project Show group purchase.
- B. For group purchase information, refer to **INDIVIDUAL SPECIE INFORMATION FOR GROUP PURCHASES** section..
- C. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs with a 5 lb scale tolerance with a maximum of 150 lbs.
- D. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up, excluding the tail.
- E. Goats must be exhibited using a goat show halter or a goat show chain. No choke collars.
- F. No adhesive will be allowed. Goats will be checked prior to entering the Show Ring and violation will result in disqualification.
- G. The number of classes of goats shall be determined by the Show Committee.
- H. During official weigh-in all animals will be weighed in natural state free from any accessories
- I. Drenching is permissible **ONLY** under the direct supervision of any Klein ISD Agriscience teacher, provided the exhibitor's assigned Agriscience teacher has been made aware. Pumping, tubing, or the use of any unethical methods during drenching will result in disqualification.

Market Swine Exhibition

- A. All market swine must be purchased through Klein ISD Livestock & Project Show group purchase.
- B. For group purchase information, refer to **INDIVIDUAL SPECIE INFORMATION FOR GROUP PURCHASES** section.
- C. Swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds with a 10 lb scale tolerance to be eligible to show.
- D. Market swine will include gilts and barrows.
- E. No oily residue can be present on the animal at the time of show.
- F. The number of classes of swine shall be determined by the Show Committee.

Poultry Division

- A. All poultry must be purchased from the Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show.
- B. Official dress as outlined in the general show rules must be worn by the exhibitor.
- C. Show assistants may only be the guardians or immediate family member of the exhibitor or another FFA member in official dress.
- D. All poultry will be picked up from the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.
- E. Exhibitor Check In Process:
 - Upon arrival students will locate their Advisor, the Advisor will check and collect student wing band notecards, Advisors will submit completed and checked cards to the exhibitor check-in table. Following check in, exhibitors will line up for entry.
- F. All birds will be subject to sifting at the time of show.
- G. Poultry will be winged banded and the band must be in place on wing to show. Correct band numbers are **mandatory**.
- H. Only siblings residing in the same household may raise birds together.
- I. A minimum of 25 broilers in increments of 25 or 5 turkeys must be ordered to be eligible to show.
- J. Birds given any hormones are ineligible to show.
- K. All poultry must be removed from the facility following the auction/freezer sale on **February 6, 2027 (Saturday)**.

Turkey Exhibition

- A. Turkeys entered must be hens.
- B. The top ten birds will be eligible for auction.
- C. The judge will determine the sale order.

Broiler Exhibition

- A. Exhibitors will check in four (4) birds, but will show one pen of three (3) birds.
- B. Birds must be alive upon entering the Show Ring.
- C. Broiler pens may include cockerels and pullets mixed.
- D. The judge will determine the sale order.
- E. The top ten birds will be eligible for auction

Breeding Poultry

- A. Entry deadline will be **September 12, 2026 (Saturday)**.
- B. Entries limited to 4 birds per student
- C. Entries are limited to breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association.
- D. Students must submit a current Pullorum Typhoid test when declaring birds on **January 22, 2027 (Friday)**. Birds that fail will not be permitted on show grounds or show.
- E. Birds deemed sick by the Show Committee will not be permitted to show.
- F. Poultry will be judged by APA/ABA standards.
- G. 1st through 10th place birds overall will receive ribbons.
- H. Grand Champion overall will receive a belt buckle, and trophy. Reserve overall will receive a buckle.
- I. Students must declare their birds (breed, variety, age and gender) to show by **January 22, 2027 (Friday)** to remain eligible to show.
- J. No decorations, nameplates, or school logos of any kind are allowed on cages due to judging.
- K. All birds must coop out and leave the show facility at the end of the breeding poultry show.

Rabbit Division

- A. All breeding and fryer rabbits must be tattooed, fryer rabbits must be tattooed with appropriate show designation.
- B. All rabbits are subject to sifting at the time of judging.
- C. Breeding rabbit exhibitors must provide their own cages.
- D. Any rabbit that exhibits health issues will not be allowed to show.

Fryer Rabbit Exhibition

- A. All fryer rabbits will be purchased through the Klein ISD FFA Livestock & Project Show.
- B. Please refer to the group buy section for purchase information.
- C. Purchase price is \$260.00.
- D. All fryer rabbits will be delivered on **December 17, 2026 (Thursday)** between 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM at the Klein Multipurpose Facility.
- E. Four rabbits will be delivered. Only three rabbits will be shown.
- F. The fourth rabbit may be shown as a breeding rabbit only if entry was paid.
- G. First through tenth place will receive ribbons.
- H. Only fryer pens purchased through Klein ISD will be exhibited.

Breeding Rabbit Exhibition

- A. Breeding rabbit exhibitors must bring their own cages.
- B. Breeding rabbits need to be sexed prior to check in by the judge or other method. Inappropriate class will result in disqualification.
- C. Only breeds recognized by ARBA will be judged.
- D. Classes: Sr. Buck, Sr. Doe, Intermediate Buck, Intermediate Doe, Jr. Buck, and Jr. Doe
 - i. Junior classes are under 6 months of age
 - ii. Intermediate classes over 6 months - 12 months of age
 - iii. Senior classes are over 12 months in age
- E. Each exhibitor will be allowed one (1) rabbit per class.
- F. Breeding rabbits do not sell at auction.
- G. First through tenth place in each class will receive ribbons.
- H. Best of classes will compete for Grand and Reserve.
- I. Grand Champion overall will receive a belt buckle, and trophy. The reserve overall will receive a buckle.

HORTICULTURE/PLANT PRODUCTION DIVISION

- A. Exhibitors must be a member of a Klein ISD FFA program.
 B. Exhibitors must personally check in their projects.

Wave 1 - Check in February 3, 2027(Wednesday)	Wave 2 - Check in February 5, 2027 (Friday)
■ Bonsai ■ Dish Gardens ■ Hanging Basket ■ Topiary ■ Terrarium	■ Bunch Vegetable ■ Plate Vegetable ■ Other Vegetable ■ Other Ornamental ■ Potted Plants < 6" ■ Potted Plants 6"-10" ■ Potted Plants 10" +

- C. Horticulture projects must have a portfolio presented at the time of check in or the individual project will be disqualified.
 The portfolio is assessed for content, not creativity and should include:
- A brief narrative describing the source of inspiration for the entry and steps taken during the creative/growth process (e.g., selection and sourcing of plant materials).
 - A minimum of six photographs taken during the planting and cultivation of the entry over time.
Note: Student faces may be shown in photographs.
 - A list of plant(s) and materials used, including the botanical and common name.
 - A timeline journaling/documenting the planting and maintenance activity.
 - Portfolios need to be complete and ready to be turned in when exhibitors arrive to check in.
- D. At the conclusion of Wave 1 Horticulture Judging, students may enter the horticulture room to review their critique sheets and judges' comments. However, for projects placing 1st in their class, portfolios and critique sheets must remain in the room until the completion of Wave 2 judging.
- E. All portfolios and critique sheets must remain available for final placings following the completion of Wave 2. Any project with a portfolio and/or critique sheet removed prior to final placings will forfeit eligibility for an auction spot.
- F. Division results will be available for Wave 1, but auction spots will not be determined until the completion of Wave 2.
- G. Entries will be awarded ribbons on merit.
- H. Grand and Reserve Champions must sell at auction.
- I. The Grand and Reserve Champion Horticulture plus five (5) from the remaining class winners will be eligible for auction for a total of 7 lots being sold. The Grand and Reserve will be selected from the 1st place winners in each class.
- J. Other entries may be sold in the Freezer Sale.
- K. All projects must be property of the exhibitor and started no later than **November 4, 2026 (Wednesday)**.
- L. Only the plant, not the container, will be judged. Projects must be started from seed, cutting or transplant.
- M. Projects may not be shown with any electrical component (ex. waterfall, lighting, etc.)
- N. A student may only show one project per class.
- O. Project Class declarations must be finalized with the Agriscience Teacher by **December 4, 2026 (Friday)**.

Vegetables

Specifications for presentation and qualifications for each class may be obtained from the Agriscience teacher. Specifications on eligible entries will be determined based on the Vegetable Show Guide from Texas A&M.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/guides/vegetable-show-planning-guide/>

- A. Plate Vegetable Class:
 - a. Vegetables exhibited in this division are to be exhibited on a large white paper plate
 - b. Example: Anise, Wax Beans, Green Snap Beans, Chinese Cabbage, Green Cabbage, Red Cabbage, Savory Cabbage, Small Sugar Pumpkin
- B. Bunch Vegetable Class:
 - a. Vegetables exhibited in bunches based on specifications
 - b. Example: Beets, Broccoli, Bunched Carrots, Swiss Chard, Collards, Dandelion, Dill, Kale, Kohlrabi, Mustard Greens, Green Onions, Curled/Plain/Root Parsley, Bunched Radishes, Turnip Greens, Turnips
- C. Other Vegetable class:
 - a. Vegetables other than bunch or plate
 - b. Example: Cantaloupe, Pack Carrots, Celery, Cauliflower, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Endive, Escarole, Lettuce (Head), Bibb, Romaine Lettuce, Okra, Onions (Dry), Southern Peas, Green Bell Pepper, Red Bell Pepper, Hot Pepper, Irish Potato, Sweet Potato, Small Sugar Pumpkin, Pack Radishes, Spinach, Crooked Neck Yellow Summer Squash, Straight Neck Yellow Summer Squash, Scallop White Summer Squash, Butternut Winter Squash, Acorn Winter Squash, Cherry/Pear/Large Red Tomatoes, Watermelon

Ornamental Plants

- A. Hanging Basket Class:
 - a. one (1) basket entry per student may be entered
 - b. all hanging baskets must measure 10-inch (+/- 1") inside diameter.
- B. Terrarium Class:
 - a. one(1) glass container for growing plants.
 - b. It must have at least three (3) glass sides and may have an open or closed top.
- C. Potted Plant Classes:
 - a. One potted plant per class may be exhibited
 - b. Potted plant classes will be exhibited in a non-decorative single-color pot of any material (i.e. clay, plastic, ceramic, concrete, etc.) The container may only include one (1) species of plant.
 - c. Potted Plant Classes may have decorative pots allowed only for Freezer Sale and Auction, if the container is decorative it must have a slip pot. After judging students may enter and place slip pots back into decorative containers for Freezer Sale or Auction.
 - d. Classes:
 - Class: (Under 6 inches): shown in a pot that is less than 6 inches in diameter
 - Class: (6-10 inches): shown in a pot 6 to 10 inches in diameter***
 - Class: (Over 10 inches): shown in a pot larger than 10 inches in diameter***
- D. Bonsai Class:
 - a. the art of dwarfing plants by trimming and planting in shallow containers
- E. Dish Garden Class:
 - a. Project must be raised in a dish type container provided by the show.
 - b. The dish garden must be 75% plant material. Compliance will be determined by the judge.
- F. Topiary Class:
 - a. The practice of trimming/training plants into different shapes.
 - b. Entry may be trimmed/shaped plants or plants grown on wire or moss.
 - c. The plant material should encompass at least 50% of the project.
- G. Other Ornamental Class:
 - a. This class includes all ornamental horticulture entries that do not fit within the defined categories above.
 - b. Container must fit on the display table and should not exceed a size of 20" wide x 20" deep and should not weigh more than 50lbs.

H. Rubric: [Horticulture](#)

Floral Design Competition

- A. All general rules apply in addition to the rules to this division.
- B. Participants must be enrolled in or have completed a Floral Design class.
- C. Participants will receive the same floral materials based on the pre-selected theme.
- D. Participants will have the opportunity to pick from provided accessories to add to their design for creativity.
NO OUTSIDE ACCESSORIES PERMITTED
- E. Participants will have one (1) hour to complete their design after check-in and instructions. The official start time will be announced no earlier than 8:00 AM. Participants who arrive after 8:00 AM may still compete; however, their time will begin upon entry, and no additional time will be provided.
- F. Participants must bring their own floral tools. Tools may not be shared between participants.

Permitted Tools:

Floral Knife, Wire Cutters, Scissors, Pruning/Floral Shears, Floral Tape,
Wooden Picks, Adhesives & Wire

- G. Participants must be an FFA member in good standing and enrolled in an Agriculture Science Class during the current school year.
- H. Communication between participants or participants and spectators is not permitted and will result in disqualification
- I. Official dress is required for this contest, however, an FFA Jacket will not be required.
- J. Designs will be judged according to design mechanics and creativity. Judges will utilize a rubric to grade all designs.
- K. Grand Champion will receive a buckle and trophy. The Reserve Champion will receive a buckle. Both Grand and Reserve will be sold in the auction. Arrangements placing 3rd through 5th will be eligible for auction.
- L. All non-auction designs may be placed in the Freezer Sale. All exhibitors must complete a sale form at time of check in. A decision to sell can be made on Saturday morning.
- M. All items not being sold by the KISD Show Committee must be removed from the facility by Saturday morning.
- N. **Rubric:** [Floral Design](#)

Ag Mechanics Project Division

- A. Exhibitors must be an FFA member in good standing and enrolled in an Agriculture Engineering Pathway class, or have previously taken an Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Program class in Klein ISD.
- B. Projects must be constructed/completed in a Klein ISD Agriculture Technology and Mechanical Systems shop/lab by an individual/group; under the direct supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher or in an advisor supervised build-off competition.
- C. All projects must be clean, painted or properly treated, and in a presentable condition even if it has been used.
- D. Each project must be identified with an exhibitor card and portfolio.
Portfolio Requirements:
- Ten (10) pictures minimum showing all phases of construction
 - An original plan or drawing
 - A bill of materials
- E. Ag Mechanics projects are not sold at auction, but may have "For Sale" signs posted at the completion of the exhibition.
- F. Projects will be judged utilizing the following criteria for a possible total of 115 points:

Workmanship	30 points
Design and materials used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of difficulty	20 points
Finish	10 points
Judges discretionary points	15 points

- G. Awards will be given as follows:
- Blue = 90 to 115 points Red = 80 to 89 points White = 70 to 79 points
 - Blue ribbon recipients from each class will compete for Division Champion. If there aren't any classes under a division only division awards will be awarded.
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd from each Division will be awarded a rosette, and Division Champion will receive a trophy.
 - Division Champions will compete for Grand and Reserve Overall, the Reserve Division Project from the Grand Champion Division may move up to be considered for Reserve Champion.
- H. The following divisions and classes will be recognized:

Ag Machinery and Equipment Division	Livestock Equipment Division
Classes: - Hay Handling equipment - Spraying equipment - Mounted or pull type equipment - Hydraulic equipment - Shop equipment	Classes: - Gates and livestock panels - Squeeze chutes and restraining equipment - Trim chutes, blocking stands, & livestock moving equipment - Head gates - Feeders, self-feeders, and creep feeders
Truck, Tractor, and Agriculture Division	Wildlife Equipment Division
Equipment Accessories Division	BBQ Pits Division
Electrical Equipment Division	Trailers Division
Classes: - Show and livestock supplies - Shop accessories	Classes: - Small utility trailers Small stock trailers - Utility and implement trailers - Multi bale trailers - Gooseneck trailer
Outdoor Convenience Division	Indoor Home Convenience Division

Agriscience Fair

- A. All students entering projects must be an FFA member in good standing.
- B. All projects must be the original work of the student and reflect a rigorous and relevant research project. Group projects are not allowed.
- C. Only one entry per student allowed.
 - Division 1: Individual member in grades 9 and 10
 - Division 2: Individual member in grades 11 and 12
- D. Students will submit their manuscripts to their Agriscience teacher 2 weeks prior to the contest.
- E. Student(s) will present their project to the judge and will be allowed **7 minutes** for the presentation.
- F. A notification will be provided to students at the end of their **7-minute** time limit.
- G. Rules, rubric, and guidelines shall follow the Texas FFA rules at the following link.
 - <https://www.texasffa.org/agriscience-fair>
 - Display Requirements:
 - Agriscience fair participant(s)' display show the results of the study utilizing a display board no larger than the provided dimensions of:
 - 36 inches high (from top of table to top of display).
 - 48 inches wide.
 - 30 inches deep (the distance from front to back).
 - The complete display, which includes methods of attaching as needed (easel, stand, etc.) cannot exceed the dimensions of:
 - 38 inches high (from top of table to top of display)
 - 50 inches (width)
 - 30 inches deep (the distance from back to front)
 - Information relevant to the study and reflective of the research:
 - Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions, References and Acknowledgements
 - General attractiveness and neatness
 - Information presented in a logical & interesting manner
- H. Projects that have previously shown at the Klein ISD FFA Livestock and Project Show must show progress in the continuation of the research and be noted in the written report.
- I. The top ten (10) projects in each division will receive ribbons. Grand Champion overall will receive a belt buckle, and trophy. The reserve overall will receive a buckle.

Photography Competition

- A. All students entering projects must be an FFA member in good standing.
- B. One (1) entry per student.
- C. Exhibitors must personally check in their projects. All entries must be checked in between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM on **February 2, 2027 (Tuesday)**. The show will begin on **February 3, 2027 (Wednesday)** at 8:00 AM
- D. Photography entries are limited to subjects related to agriculture and follow the current year's theme.
2027 Theme: "DRIVEN "
- E. Photographs should not prominently feature people (living or deceased).
- F. Photography entries may be in color or black & white
- G. Entry must be the original photographic work of the FFA member and not a photo taken by family members, other members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification. Statement of Originality must be signed on the entry form by the exhibitor.
- H. All photographs must be taken within the current contest year, defined as the period between the conclusion of the previous FFA show and the start of the upcoming FFA show.
- I. Each entry must be titled and displayed on the front of the mounting.
- J. Exhibitor name and chapter must be on the back of the entry.
- K. Finishing Requirements: Photographs must be mounted on mat board or foam core.
- L. Size Requirements:
- The image should be **8" x 10"** regardless of orientation.
 - The mat can be flush with the image or extend outside the image, **maximum mat size of 11"x14"**
 - The surface finish of the photograph is the choice of the exhibitor.
 - Printing and mounting may be done professionally.
 - No framing or glass will be permitted.
 - Name and chapter must be labeled on the back of the photo.
- M. Alterations: Slight alterations are allowed (including cropping, adjusting the lighting, and reducing red eye, soft color enhancement, soft sharpening). Other alterations will disqualify an entry. Disqualifying enhancements include: applying design styles, applying filters, or using computer graphics.
- N. Entries will be eligible to be sold in Freezer Sale only. All exhibitors must complete a sale form at time of check in.
- O. The top ten projects will receive ribbons. Grand Champion overall will receive a belt buckle, and trophy. The reserve overall will receive a buckle.
- P. Rubric: [HERE](#)

Entry # _____					
Title of Photo: _____					
<u>Klein ISD Livestock Show-Photography Judging Criteria/Standards Rubric</u>					
	Minimal	Basic	Satisfactory	Proficient	Advanced
Photo Composition (35%)	No rules of composition applied; needs improvement in all areas.	One rule of composition applied well; others are missing or need improvement.	Two rules of composition applied well; others are lacking or need improvement.	Three or more rules of composition applied well; no mergers.	Basic rules of composition applied well; composition quality is significant; any experiments with composition are successful.
Storytelling Ability (35%)	Lacks central idea; subject unclear;	Lacks central idea; subject is not appealing.	Central idea is clear; subject is appealing.	Central idea is clear; viewpoint is new or unusual; subject is interesting and looks natural	Central idea is clear; viewpoint is new or unusual; exhibit generates discussion and reaction; photo grabs viewer's attention.
Technical Quality (20%)	Three or more areas need improvement: exposure, focus, details, and separation of tones.	Two areas need improvement: exposure, focus, details, and separation of tones.	One area needs improvement: exposure, focus, details, and separation of tones.	Proper exposure; lots of detail; sharp focus; clear separation of tones between subject and background.	Proper exposure; significant detail; sharp focus; clear separation of tones between subject and background; risks taken; any experiments with technique are successful.
Mounting Technique (10%)	Mounting detracts significantly from exhibit, enough to lower even quality photos one placing; no title	Mounting definitely detracts from exhibit quality; simple title	Mounting detracts from exhibit in a minor way; authentic title	Balanced layout; photos mounted parallel to sides; meaningful title; attractive lettering	Top-quality mounting contributes significantly to exhibit; extra care taken to make exhibit outstanding; eloquent title
Fair Entry Guidelines	Some guidelines followed, but significant errors or omissions are evident.	Most guidelines followed, but some errors or omissions are evident.	All major guidelines followed; but some minor errors or omissions were made.	All entry guidelines followed; exhibit blue-ribbon quality.	All fair entry guidelines followed; exhibit best-of-class quality.
Placing					