

2024
Yoakum Project Show, Inc.
Rules

(Revised September 16, 2023)

Show Date: January 12 & 13, 2024

Rule 1. INTERPRETATION & VIOLATION OF RULES: This show reserves the right to its executive committee the final and absolute authority to interpret these rules and regulations and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors, by entry into the show, do hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and all Yoakum Project Show, Inc. decisions. Any exhibitor who violates any of these rules or physically or verbally causes harm or injury to another exhibitor, his or her project, or any other participant, individual, or project through action or words will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following:

1. Issuance of oral or written apologies in any form deemed acceptable to the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. committee, to other Exhibitors, any other Show Officials, sift judges, show judges and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation;
2. Removal from the Show grounds, along with any exhibit of his or hers;
3. Forfeiture and return of all trophies, ribbons, plaques, banners, buckles, or other items awarded as a result of competition;
4. Disqualification of the Exhibitor, his or her entire immediate family, or both from all future shows;
5. And/or any such other penalty as the Executive Committee otherwise orders.

Complaints to the Executive Committee must be made by the Exhibitor in writing, signed by the Exhibitor, accompanied by a cashier's check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. and submitted to an Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee of the show shall have the sole right and authority to review and decide the validity of the complaint. If the complaint is upheld based on facts, the \$100.00 will be returned to the exhibitor. The deposit will be forfeited if the complaint is not sustained.

Rule 2. LIABILITY: All livestock exhibits will be under the control and direction of the President of the Stock Show Committee. The Yoakum Project Show, Inc. officers and committee members will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or poultry project or equipment or property used in connection with the show. The exhibitor and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall hold said show, its officers, directors, and/or agents harmless from any liability they may suffer as a result of any damage they may suffer as a result of participating in said show and shall indemnify the show, its officers, directors, or agents against all legal or other proceedings in regard hereto, as well as, or arising out of or in any way connected with the exhibiting a project in the Yoakum Project Show, and therefore acknowledges any and all liability as stated herein.

Rule 3. ELIGIBILITY: The Yoakum FFA and 4-H Project Show, in all the phases is open to the following:

1. Active Yoakum FFA and Yoakum Jr. FFA members,
2. Active 4-H members enrolled in Yoakum Independent School District,
3. Active 4-H members attending Sweet Home Independent School,
4. Active 4-H members attending Ezzell Independent School,
5. Active 4-H members residing within the Yoakum Independent School District but attending school in a school district contiguous to Yoakum Independent School District, and

6. Students living within the Yoakum Independent School District, are active members of an established 4-H Group within DeWitt or Lavaca County as of September 1st, and meet the same eligibility requirements as students attending a public school.

**** All 4-H members must reside in either DeWitt or Lavaca County to be eligible to show in the Yoakum Show. Exhibitors are to comply with all resident and enrollment requirements at the time of entry and remain in compliance according to these rules during the entire feeding period and throughout the entire show.**

An exhibitor is considered eligible to show if they are **less than 19 years old on September 1st preceding the show.**

FFA and 4-H members are required to attend 2/3 of their respective club meetings to be eligible to participate in any phase of the Yoakum Project Show. Failure to comply with the rule is an automatic disqualification from the show. The show reserves the right to verify meeting attendance records from any FFA or 4-H Club who has participants entered in the Yoakum Show. Any FFA, Jr. FFA, or 4-H member who shows a market animal (and sells that animal) in any other county show between September 1 prior to the Yoakum show date and August 31 after the Yoakum show will be ineligible to exhibit in the Yoakum Show or sell a market animal in the Yoakum Project Show.

Exhibitors must be present at the time of sifting and judging and show their own animal(s). In cases where the exhibitor is ineligible for extracurricular activity due to academic failure, the project may NOT be shown, and the project will NOT sell. To avoid academic failure status, by definition for the Yoakum Project Show, a student must pass all classes the six weeks prior to the Yoakum Stock Show. Exhibitors are encouraged to excel in all facets of their education so that eligible academic requirements can be met. Any exhibitor that has been assigned to DAEP at the time of the stock show will be deemed ineligible to show or sell. All exhibitors must remain on the show grounds unless permission is given to leave. Anyone leaving without permission will be reported to the principal of the school where they are enrolled, and they will not be excused from class.

Rule 4. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY: All applications for entry must be made on the official entry form which can be found at <https://yoakum.fairwire.com>, signed by the exhibitor, parents/guardians. In all cases, the right to accept or reject any application for entry is reserved to the manager of the show. Entry Forms, Acknowledgement of Rules, and Entry Fees (\$5.00 per entry) must be submitted no later than the validation date of each entry. Late entries will not be accepted. Animals must be presented at the validation for official entry. Validation fee(s) must be submitted at validation and an acknowledgement of rules must be signed in front of a committee member. A printed copy of the rules will be available, if needed. Each animal, whether market or breeding, constitutes a separate entry, will receive one ear tag, and must be designated to one exhibitor or one family of exhibitors. Family entries are limited to the immediate family members only. **Birthdates for animals that may be shown as a breeding project must be listed on the entry form to be a valid entry.**

Rule 5. ENTRY LIMIT: FFA or 4-H Club members are limited to sale only one entry in the show's sale. Exhibitors may show only one entry per market division or species and only two market entries total. In cases where the exhibitor shows more than one market animal, the following method will be used in selecting the one to be sold in the show auction. (1) The entry that placed the highest will be the one to sell. (2) If the two entries place the same, then the heaviest one will sell. (3) If an exhibitor has 2 Champions or 2 Reserve Champions, the exhibitor will receive all banners, ribbons and trophies from such placing. The exhibitor will be printed on the Sale Sheet and in the Newspapers as the exhibitor was placed by the judge. No other animal will be moved into that position, but the sale spot will be left open to recognize that exhibitor for his/her superior efforts. Although a position may become vacated, the same number of projects will sell as designated by the Yoakum Project Show committee.

Rule 6. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMAL/VALIDATION DATES:

All (market and breeding) projects must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor on or before the date of validation of each respective project. Ownership deadlines are as follows:

Steers & Heifers: September 30, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the North Side of the Yoakum Rodeo Arena.

Hogs & Goats: September 30, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the South Side of the Yoakum Rodeo Arena.

Broilers: Online registration, entry fees, and receipts of rules acknowledgment should be completed and submitted to exhibitor's club leader no later than September 30, 2023.

Agriculture Mechanics: Online registration, entry fees, and receipts of rules acknowledgment should be completed and submitted to exhibitor's club leader or FFA teacher no later than December 7, 2023.

Rabbits: Online registration, entry fees, and receipts of rules acknowledgment should be completed and submitted at validation on December 7, 2023 at the Yoakum Ag Building from 4:30-6:00pm. Animals must be present at validation to be tattooed.

Baked Goods Show: Online registration, entry fees, and receipts of rules acknowledgment should be completed and submitted to exhibitor's club leader or FFA teacher no later than December 7, 2023.

All cattle (steers and heifers), hogs, goats, broilers and rabbits must be a project under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Teacher or DeWitt County or Lavaca County Extension Agent. Project must be available at all times for inspection by the AST, CEA, and Yoakum Project Show committee officers and directors. All FFA and 4H Club members must personally feed and care for his/her own animal(s). All FFA and 4-H projects will be raised and cared for at the home address of the exhibitor's immediate family. An immediate family member is defined as a parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse; grandparent or grandchild. Feeding and caring for the project is intended to provide the maximum educational experience for the exhibitor. All projects will be visited from time to time at the exhibitor's immediate family's address provided on the entry form to ensure compliance with the intent of this rule. Projects must be on said premises and available for inspection on said premises at all times and remain on premises for the entire duration of the feeding period. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule at the time of inspection are immediately ineligible to exhibit their project or sell the project in the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. This rule will be strictly enforced. By completing the online entry form and rules acknowledgement form, both exhibitor and parent(s) authorize Yoakum Project Show, Inc. committee members, ASTs and/or CEA to enter premises where projects have been designated to be located.

Rule 7. Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification: In compliance with Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and the Yoakum Project Show rules, no animal is to be treated internally or externally with any substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is unethical and illegal. This includes vegetable oil, air, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal and includes surgical alterations and bruising. The processor will be instructed to be aware of carcass requirements and respond appropriately. In the event the carcass shows any signs of altered confirmation or unethical changes having been administered to said animal, the processor will immediately contact the committee. The carcass will be further inspected by the processor and committee members. If an animal is determined to be in non-compliance of rules, exhibitor forfeits all premiums and awards, and exhibitor and exhibitor's family will be prohibited from all future Yoakum shows. In the interest of all exhibitors and future exhibitors, this rule shall be strictly enforced. All decisions are final.

Rule 8. FINAL DECISION/JUDGING: The decision of each respective judge shall be final. The focus of the judge should be on judging projects to the best of his/her ability based on the quality of each project. Only authorized personnel (Ag Science Teachers, County Extension Agents, and Yoakum Project Show, Inc. officers and directors) are to consult with a judge prior to or during the judging to clarify rules or procedures. No other individual

(Other than the Ag Science Teachers, County Extension Agents, and Yoakum Project Show, Inc. officers and directors) should be inside the ring prior to judging, during judging, or between judging events for any reason. All unauthorized personnel who violate these rules will be removed from the grounds.

Rule 9. HEALTH: All animals must meet the requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission of Ruling No. 41-806 Governor's Proclamation No. 69 effective on September 21, 1959, governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions. Animals treated with medication not approved for use in human consumption will be ineligible to show and sell. Animals showing any signs of drug use, injections or surgeries will be inspected by a committee of show officials and/or veterinarian and will be subject to removal from the show.

Rule 10. AMENDMENTS TO RULES: The show management reserves the right to make changes and additions to these rules and regulations prior to the show, which may be necessary and beneficial to the show.

Rule 11. SIFT: All market animals (steers, goats, and swine) will weigh in to determine class breaks. If an animal is overweight or underweight, the animal can be removed from the scale, have the scale re-balanced, and the animal reweighed. Animals must be reasonably clean before entering the weighing area so that the true weight will not be distorted. The animal cannot leave the immediate weighing area. If the animal is not within weight limits for its breed or if it leaves the weighing area, it is automatically sifted and is ineligible to show or sell. Family animals must be assigned to an exhibitor prior to weigh-in. All animals belonging to an exhibitor will be weighed. The exhibitor must declare which animal is a market animal (or breeding entry) before leaving the weighing area. A sift judge will judge projects for quality and for the exhibitor's control of the project on the arrival date to the show and prior to any competition. The decision of the sift judge is final. During competition, only those market entries awarded a blue or red ribbon by the judge shall be eligible to sell. Entries awarded a white ribbon shall be considered sifted from the stock show sale.

Rule 12. PREMIUM SALE: There will be a limit of 80 projects in the Premium Sale. All animals in the premium sale may sale for any amount regardless of placing. All market animals will be shrunk 4% for resale purposes.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to contact, either by letter or personal contact, all possible buyers for their projects. This should be done well in advance of the show and sale. For proper accounting, all checks are to be payable to the YOAKUM PROJECT SHOW, INC. and all contributions are to be run through the show account. If an exhibitor does receive a check made payable to him/her, that check(s) is to be endorsed over to the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. All add-ons should be completed on the Yoakum Project Show add-on form, which can be found on the Yoakum FFA webpage.

Rule 13. PAYMENT: Payment for animals sold in the Yoakum Project Show sale will not be made until the carcass passes final inspection after slaughter. Resale buyers will be advised to carefully inspect carcasses for any evidence of unethical treatment of said animal(s). This includes foreign substances used, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body, and surgeries performed to phenotypically alter the appearance of the animal. This includes vegetable oil, air, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. All such practices are considered unethical as well as illegal. If the carcass fails inspection for any reason including but limited to signs of body alterations, signs of substance use, or signs of abuse the exhibitor automatically forfeits all premiums. The original purchaser(s) will then be refunded the price paid for said animal. Final payment will be made to exhibitors when payment for each group is collected. Payment of collected amounts may be expected on May 1st following the show provided that carcass inspections are finalized.

Rule 14. DELIVERY OF ANIMALS: All market entries sold in the show must be cared for properly after the show and/or sale until final delivery. Any animal showing neglect (feed, water, or abuse) will cause the exhibitor to fail to be able to sell or forfeit the premium price received at the auction whichever is deemed appropriate by the sole discretion of Yoakum Project Show, Inc. Committee.

Rule 15. COMMISSIONS and FEES: A **5%** commission will be charged for each project sold through the sale. The 5% commission is based on the gross amount of the sale of the project, which includes the premium paid plus the resale price (i.e. the total value of the project). Buyers will make payment directly to the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. for projects purchased. The committee will then deduct the 5% commission from the gross amount of the sale to defray the expenses of the show. A picture fee will be charged as determined by the photographer. That amount is deducted from your exhibitor's check.

Rule 16. CLEAN UP: All exhibitors who qualified for the sale or earned premiums from breeding animals must be present after the judging is completed on Saturday to help with sale setup and on Saturday evening after the sale for clean-up. A \$100.00 fine will be assessed to any exhibitor who fails to attend set-up or clean-up unless prior approval from the Stock Show Committee is granted. Each exhibitor has a responsibility to do their part to maintain the premises to ensure the success of future shows.

Rule 17. THANK YOU NOTES: All exhibitors must turn in a **HAND WRITTEN in INK** thank you note to their adult club leader or Agricultural Science teacher **no later than February 15, 2024**, following the show. The note must be in an unsealed envelope, stamped, and addressed to the proper supporter(s). All thank you notes will be collected the evening of February 15, 2024, by a committee member to be read and mailed. If an exhibitor wishes to hand deliver letters, they must first be proofread and approved by a committee member. They will then be given back to exhibitor to hand deliver. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$50.00 per week or part of a week that the note is not turned in. If no Thank You note is turned in by March 1, 2024, exhibitor agrees to forfeit the entire premium price of the market animals or forfeit the monies earned on breeding animals. Any exhibitor that fails to submit thank you notes by March 1, 2024 will be **permanently barred** from exhibiting in future Yoakum Project Shows. All contributions should be highly valued, and each buyer or contributor is to be thanked in an appropriate and timely manner.

Rule 18. UNRULY ANIMALS: All animals must be gentle and handled by the exhibitor alone throughout the show. The committee reserves the right to disqualify any project from competition if the project is not being handled by the exhibitor alone. Disqualification may occur at any time while project is on the grounds, which includes but is not limited to unloading, weigh-in, sifting, exhibition, and sale. Rules will be strictly enforced.

Rule 19. RESALE: All projects that go through the premium sale will be considered sold. **This is a terminal sale and all animals sold during the auction will be loaded on the resale trailer.** Resale buyers bid on animals based on the number and quality of projects they expect to process. Therefore, projects going to the resale buyers are to remain with the resale buyer. The market value of the animal will be added to the exhibitor's premium provided that the carcass passes final inspection.

Rule 20. CLASS DIVISIONS: All market animals with more than sixteen entries per division may be divided into two or more classes (according to the weight) for sifting and judging.

Rule 21. STALLING ANIMALS: All exhibits shall be stalled in the designated areas for each particular division. All grooming shall take place only at areas designated by the show officials.

Rule 22. LOADING AREAS: All loading and unloading of livestock shall take place at the areas designated by the show officials and at the times to be designated by each superintendent. Any project unloaded outside designated areas or outside specified times are ineligible to show.

Rule 23. BREEDING DIVISION AWARDS: An exhibitor can win only one certificate of deposit or Gift Card per species of breeding animal. In order to be eligible to receive a monetary reward, the exhibitor must place above another exhibitor in the same division. Certificates of Deposit or Gift Cards will be awarded on the following basis (if funds are made available):

- a) Grand Champion \$500.00 Savings Account
- b) Reserve Champion \$250.00 Savings Account

c) 3rd Place \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

Rule 24. GENERAL RULES FOR BREEDING DIVISION:

- a) Exhibitors must be the bonafide owners of each animal being exhibited. (See Rule 6.)
- b) Exhibitors will follow all general rules of the show including proper feeding and caring for his/her own project.
- c) Breeding entries must remain on the show grounds until released by the show directors.

Rule 25. SHOWMANSHIP: An exhibitor must own his/her own animal in order to participate in showmanship. Eligibility for Showmanship competition is determined by each judge or his designee. All decisions are final.

Rule 26. VIOLATIONS: Exhibitors will not bring any type electronic communication and/or entertainment devices into the arena during the show or sale. Violation of this rule will result in the immediate removal of the exhibitor and their entries from the show and sale. This includes cell phones, Ipad's, MP3 players, etc.

Cattle Division

Market Steers

1. One calf comprises one entry. Any beef breed or crossbred calf may be entered in this division.
2. All calves will be validated on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM**. All steers will be ear tagged and pictured at the time of validation. This tag will be the steer's identification number throughout the feeding period. The steer must have this identification tag in the ear in order to show in the Yoakum Show. Major show tags will be accepted provided that the major show tag is entered properly with the Yoakum Project Show, Inc., pictured, and verified with Yoakum Project Show, Inc. committee superintendent. That tag will remain in the ear the entire feeding period. If a tag (YPS or Major tag) is lost during the feeding period, the exhibitor shall immediately contact the steer committee chairman and AST or CEA. An inspection of the steer will be done to determine that the animal is that of the original entry and to determine whether the steer is eligible for a replacement tag to be issued for the animal to show in the Yoakum Project Show.
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. at show date.
4. Steers must be slick-sheared prior to the Yoakum Stock Show. The maximum length of hair on a market steer is 1/4 inch. The sheering must be completed prior to the sift. The sift judge and/or Yoakum Project Show Committee members will make the final decision on any animal in question.
5. **Steers must be young enough at the time of processing to grade Prime, Choice, Select, or Standard by the USDA Inspectors. Exhibitors that have a steer grade out of these four grades will be fined a penalty of 1,000.00 dollars.** Steers that are considered aged or "hard boned" if graded as commercial, cutter, canner, and utility. These steers must be rendered into ground meat or used for something less than steaks for human consumption. This causes the processor to lose money on the animal and will result in the exhibitor(s) receiving a lower floor price bid from processors.
6. Steer exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Breeding Heifers

The exhibitors in this division will be subject to the general rules of the show and to the following additions:

1. Animals of every breed will be permitted to enter. They must be validated and pictures on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 and 9:00 AM**. Animals will be tagged unless they have an ear tattoo or brand as required by a breed association. Date of birth information will be recorded on the official entry form at the time of validation. Heifer exhibitors will follow ownership rules listed in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules. Rules will be strictly enforced.
2. The maximum age for breeding cattle will be 32 months
3. Breeding heifers over 24 months old must be safe in calf, certified in writing by a veterinarian or have a calf at side.
4. Classes may be divided depending on the number of entries into American, British, and Continental (AKA Exotic or European) influenced classes. Class divisions will be as follows: Age as of January 1st of that stock show year

Class 1 – Up to 12 months of age
Class 2 – 12 months to 18 months of age
Class 3 – 18 months to 24 months of age
Class 4 – 24 months to 32 months of age
5. Breeding heifer exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Goat Division

Market Goat

1. Goats must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor and be present for validation on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM**. All goats will be ear tagged and pictured at the time of validation. This tag will be the goat's identification number throughout the feeding period. The goat must have this identification tag in the ear in order to show in the Yoakum Show. Major show tags will be accepted provided that the major show tag is entered properly with the Yoakum Project Show, Inc., pictured, and verified with Yoakum Project Show, Inc. committee superintendent. That tag will remain in the ear the entire feeding period. If a tag (YPS or Major tag) is lost during the feeding period, the exhibitor shall immediately contact the goat committee chairman and AST or CEA. An inspection of the goat will be done to determine that the animal is that of the original entry and to determine whether the goat is eligible for a replacement tag to be issued for the animal to show in the Yoakum Project Show.
2. Goats must have their milk teeth at this time.
3. Wethers or does may be shown. Any breed or crossbreed may be shown.
4. Goats must be dehorned or tipped at show time.
5. Goats must weigh between 65 and 120 pounds at show time. For weighing purposes, no shrinkage will be added or deducted.
6. Any market doe determined to be gestating or lactating at the time of weigh-in will be sifted.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

8. Goat exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Breeding Goat

1. Only does are eligible to show in this division. They must be validated and pictured on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 AM. and 9:00 AM.**
2. Classes will be set up according to the ages and number of entries.
3. Does must be two years old or younger to be eligible to show.
4. Breeding Goat exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Market Lamb Division *Market Lamb*

There will not be a market lamb show in 2024. A minimum of 3 market lambs will be required to activate this division

Swine Division

Market Hogs

1. Hogs will be validated and pictured on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM.** This tag will be the hog's identification number throughout the feeding period. The hog must have this identification tag in the ear in order to show in the Yoakum Show. Major show tags will be accepted provided that the major show tag is entered properly with the Yoakum Project Show, Inc., pictured, and verified with Yoakum Project Show, Inc. committee superintendent. That tag will remain in the ear the entire feeding period. If a tag (YPS or Major tag) is lost during the feeding period, the exhibitor shall immediately contact the swine committee chairman and AST or CEA. An inspection of the hog will be done to determine that the animal is that of the original entry and to determine whether the hog is eligible for a replacement tag to be issued for the animal to show in the Yoakum Project Show.
2. Market hogs must weigh in between the weights of 220 lbs. and 280 lbs. each to be eligible for the show. For weighing purposes, no shrinkage will be deducted.
3. Either sex (gilt or barrow) may be entered in the market hog division.
4. Shearing of swine shall not be permitted at the show facilities.
5. Swine exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Breeding Swine

1. Only breeding gilts are eligible to show in this division. They must be validated on **September 30, 2023, between 7:30 AM. and 9:00 AM.**
2. Gilts must be born between January 1st and October 15th of the year prior to the show to be eligible to show.
3. Classes will be determined according to ages and number of entries.

4. Clipping of swine shall not be permitted at the show facilities
5. Breeding Swine exhibitors will follow ownership and feeding rules as stated in Rule 6 and will follow guidelines as set forth in the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and Yoakum Project Show Rules as stated in Rule 7.

Broiler Division

1. A pen of 3 broiler chickens will constitute an entry for the exhibitor, and may be sold through the Yoakum Project Show sale subject to the other rules of the show. Entry fees of \$5 dollars for every twenty-five birds validated will be assessed. Applications and Receipt of Rules are due on or before **September 30, 2023, and will be accepted between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM** at the South Side of the Yoakum Rodeo Arena.
2. All exhibitors must start with at least 25 chicks (banded) obtained from the same hatchery out of the same days hatch and raise them until show date. The exhibitor will select the best three birds as a unit to make up the final pen.
3. No spare broilers will be allowed in the show barn. Violators will be subject to suspension from the show.
4. Banded chickens will be used for this show. When broilers are distributed to exhibitors; wing band numbers will be recorded. Broiler exhibitors and/or parent must verify wing band numbers at the time broiler chicks are distributed. Exhibitors will be furnished a copy of their list of broiler wing band numbers when they pick up their broiler chicks.
5. Exhibitor's broiler entry at the show must be made up of broilers whose band numbers were issued to that specific exhibitor for that specific pen entry.
6. Broilers that lose their wing bands for any reason will not be eligible to show.
7. Exhibitors must bring their own feed and water containers and be responsible for the care of their broilers during the show. Any exhibitor failing to feed and water their broilers will be asked to leave the show, and will not be eligible for the premium sale.

Rabbit Division

Market Rabbits

1. A market rabbit pen shall consist of three (3) rabbits raised or purchased of either sex, of same breed and each weighing not less than three pounds nor more than five and one-half pounds. Only 3 rabbits are to be brought to the show. An entry fee of \$5 dollars for every 5 bunnies validated will be assessed. Applications, entry fees, and Receipt of Rules are due on are due on December 7, 2023.
2. Each exhibitor will be limited to show one (1) market pen in the show.
3. All market rabbits will be validated and tattooed on the validation date at the Yoakum High School Ag Building. All bunnies must be in the exhibitor's possession at the time of validation and remain in the exhibitor's possession during the entire feeding period.

4. **At the time of validation, bunnies cannot exceed a maximum weight of 40 ounces.**
5. Market pens will be weighed at check-in. Rabbits not meeting weight requirements will be sifted and shall be ineligible to show.
6. **No spare rabbits will be allowed in the show barn.**
7. Rabbits showing signs of disease or tooth problems will be sifted and will be ineligible to show.
8. Each exhibitor must provide containers, water, and feed for their own rabbits.
9. A maximum of 8 bunnies per exhibitor may be validated.

Baked Goods Division

The 2024 Baked Goods show will consist of homemade cakes, cookies and pies. All items should be baked from scratch and should not consist of any premade ingredients; ie: cookie dough, pie crusts, cake mixes.

*** Cream cheese icing, meringue pies and professionally decorated cakes are not allowed. ***

1. Cakes should be submitted whole and fully contained but accessible for judging.
2. Cookies must be baked and not in candy form. Entry must contain a full recipe or a minimum of 24 cookies and put into an approved container.
3. Pies must be baked in an 8" or 9" disposable pie plate. Pie must have a homemade pastry crust and crust recipe should be included along with the pie recipe. Pies requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
4. All entries must include a typed copy of the recipe.

Agricultural Mechanics Division

The Agricultural Mechanics Show encourages, recognizes, facilitates, and rewards the learning and development of skills through the design, construction, and exhibition of agricultural projects, wood working projects and/or Tractor Restoration projects. This contest showcases the outstanding leadership, technical abilities, and accomplishments of our local youth.

1. Exhibitors may enter as many projects as they desire. All exhibitors, whether working individually or working in groups must follow the same eligibility requirements as stated in the General Rules of the Yoakum Project Show, Inc. (If fees and properly completed paperwork is not received by the Yoakum Project Show Committee on or before December 7, 2023, the project will be deemed ineligible to show.) If multiple individuals work together on a project each individual is required to complete all paperwork. The entry fee for an individual's project is \$5.00. If it is a group project the fee for the one project constructed by multiple individuals is \$5.00.
2. All projects must be the work of the exhibitor(s). **Construction of a project must be done between the date of the previous year's show and January 12, 2024.** A project can only be exhibited one time at the Yoakum Project Show.

3. Project must be constructed by active FFA or 4-H members, as either part of their school classes, 4-H involvement, or at home. All exhibitors must be in compliance with all applicable UIL regulations.
4. All projects should be constructed from scratch. No projects should be repurposed projects or arts and crafts projects. Projects should be a complete, original build.
5. All projects (both steel and wood) must be painted and/or properly treated and must be cleaned and in a presentable finished condition even though project may have been slightly used prior to the show. All project must arrive at the show in such finished condition that requires only a wipe down to take off access dust, etc. Touch up paint at the show is strictly prohibited. Anyone painting on a project while at the show will be disqualified.
6. Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided by exhibitor for gates, panels and other such larger projects that require support. Sharp edges and points are to be padded and/or covered as necessary. Heavy BBQ lids or doors must be well-secured in open position. All safety precautions for each exhibit is the primary responsibility of the exhibitor. All pro-active measures are to be taken in advance to prevent something dangerous, unpleasant, or inconvenient from happening. All common-sense measures are to be taken the prevent possible injury to the exhibitor(s), committee members, judge, and the general public.
7. While all precautions will be taken to protect the projects entered, neither the committee members nor any official of the show will be responsible in any way for any loss or damage to any project.
8. Exhibitors are required to be present during judging to answer questions, present a properly prepared record book, and demonstrate any operations as requested by the judge. *****A properly prepared record book is required for every project entered. Lack of an adequately prepared record book will result in a ribbon color deduction. The Project will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Championship honors or associated prizes.** Recordkeeping reinforces your knowledge and expertise in the construction of your project. **Starting the record book at the beginning of your project is advised.** This aids in organizing your project expenses, time spent on various phases of the project, etc. and avoids last minute struggles or confusion. **Further Documentation requirements can be found in Rule 10.**
9. No one except the judge, show officials, and exhibitors will be allowed in the exhibit area during the time the projects are being judged. The decision of the judge will be final.
10. Projects may be classified by primary use or function. Show Committee Members reserve the right to modify the classification due to entry into the wrong class, misrepresented projects, or otherwise in conflict with class descriptions.

Agriculture Mechanics will consist of two (2) primary classes.

Class I: WELDING/STEEL

Welding projects include all agriculture equipment, livestock equipment, cattle trailers, hay handling equipment, spraying equipment, tractor equipment, and mounted or unmounted agricultural equipment and implements, pull type agricultural equipment and implements, welded shop tables and benches or equipment, truck bumpers, headache racks, tool boxes, replacement beds, entry gates and panels, livestock restraining and handling equipment, livestock show equipment, livestock feeders, and all other trailers or equipment to be used for agriculture use. Other welding projects include wildlife feeders, welded steel deer blinds, hog traps, BBQ pits, fish fryers, and cookers, other recreational and/or convenience-type project or accessories, swings, patio or yard tables and benches. and home décor.

A completed record book is required. An original drawing or plan of work is to be completed, photographs showing the various stages of the construction of each project is to be provided, include an itemized list of expenses used to complete the project including but not limited to materials, parts, and paint (include receipts), and the total number of hours required to complete the project.

Welding projects will be judged on:

a.) Workmanship-----	30
b.) Design & Material Used-----	20
c.) Presentation-----	20
d.) Finish and/or Preservation (Overall Appearance)-----	10
e.) Documentation-----	10
e.) Degree of Difficulty-----	10

a. Workmanship (30 points)

Projects should be constructed in a neat and clean manner. Care should be taken so material is fit well, welds are of appropriate size and quantity, sharp edges and weld spatter are removed from material but grinding/sanding is not excessive, electrical connections are secure and neat, exposed wire is kept to a minimum, and material is joined in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing.

b. Design and Material Used (20 points)

Material used should be considered by each individual showman. The material should match the purpose and the function of the project. Students should be knowledgeable about any specifics, special, or unique material used during the construction of the project.

c. Presentation (20 points)

Students should be knowledgeable about the project they are presenting. Each should be able to describe in detail, when requested, processes used in the construction of their project. Students should be able to answer questions pertaining to the end use, purpose, and functionality of the project they are presenting. Students should present projects in a professional and courteous manner.

d. Finish and/or Preservation/Overall Appearance (10 points)

Each project should be finished in an appropriate manner. Some projects, such as welding shop tables, may have portions where no finish is appropriate. The applied finish should match the use of the project and applied in an accepted manner. Students should be involved in the finishing process as much as possible, and at minimum have knowledge of the application process.

e. Documentation (10 points)

Students will be evaluated on the presentation of their documentation. Documentation requirements are listed in the rules above. Complete lack of documentation will result in a ribbon color deduction and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Championship.

f. Degree of Difficulty (10 points)

Inherently some projects are more difficult than others. The difficulty of the projects will be evaluated by each set of judges based on the amount of fabrication, design engineering, and innovation within the given project.

Placings are based on the following:

*Blue Ribbon: 100-86 points

*Red Ribbon: 85-70 points

*White Ribbon: 69-0 points

*****A Grand Champion and a Reserve Champion will be named in the Welding/Steel Division.**

The following are prizes to be awarded (provided that each category has received such placing by having competition). i.e. if there are only three projects, 1st and 2nd places will receive prizes while 3rd with no competition is not eligible to receive a prize.

- a) Grand Champion \$500.00 Savings Account and Buckle
- b) Reserve Champion \$250.00 Savings Account and Buckle
- c) 3rd Place \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

A silent auction will be held after the judging of the projects. Exhibitors may choose to enter their projects in the silent auction if they wish. **If an exhibitor chooses to enter the project in the silent auction, the exhibitor will report that decision to the Yoakum Project Show officers, clearly identify the project that it is "For Sale", provide a bid sheet for potential buyers to record the bids, and remain with the project as much as possible to explain the project and answer questions for a potential buyer(s).** The silent auction will begin once judging has concluded. The silent auction will remain open until 6:30 pm. on Saturday before the premium sale starts. All payments for silent auction item(s) are to be payable to the YOAKUM PROJECT SHOW, INC. and run through the show for proper accounting. The Yoakum Project Show, Inc. will withhold 5% of the sale amount to help defray the cost incurred with the show. Exhibitor will maintain ownership of the project until payment is collected unless otherwise approved by the Yoakum Project Show Committee.

Class II: WOODWORKING PROJECTS

Woodworking projects will include all projects of any nature constructed with wood. This includes wooden patio and yard tables, swings, benches, or any other project designed and constructed with wood. A completed record book is required. An original drawing or plan of work is to be completed, photographs showing the various stages of the construction of each project is to be provided, include an itemized list of expenses used to complete the project including but not limited to materials, parts, and paint (include receipts), and the total number of hours required to complete the project.

Woodworking projects will be judged on:

- a.) Workmanship-----30
- b.) Design & Material Used-----20
- c.) Presentation-----20
- d.) Finish and/or Preservation (Overall Appearance)-----10
- e.) Documentation-----10
- e.) Degree of Difficulty-----10

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c. Presentation (20 points)

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d. Finish and/or Preservation/Overall Appearance (10 points)

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e. Documentation (10 points)

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Specific Rules for Tractor Restoration

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Yoakum Project Show Ag Mechanics Score Sheet

Exhibitor Name:

Project Description

	Total Points Possible	Points Received
Workmanship Projects should be constructed in a neat and clean manner. Care should be taken so material is fit well, welds are of appropriate size and quantity, sharp edges and weld spatter are removed from material but grinding/sanding is not excessive, electrical connections are secure and neat, exposed wire is kept to a minimum, and material is joined in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing.	30	
Design and Material Used Material used should be considered by each individual showman. The material should match the purpose and the function of the project. Students should be knowledgeable about any specifics, special, or unique material used during the construction of the project.	20	
Presentation Students should be knowledgeable about the project they are presenting. They should be able to describe in detail, when requested, processes used in the construction of their project. Students should be able to answer questions pertaining to the end use, purpose, and functionality of the project they are presenting. Students should present projects in a professional and courteous manner.	20	
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Documentation Students will be evaluated on the presentation of their documentation. Documentation requirements are listed in the rules above. Complete lack of documentation will result in a ribbon color deduction and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Championship.	10	
Degree of Difficulty Inherently some projects are more difficult than others. The difficulty of the projects will be evaluated by each set of judges based on the amount of fabrication, design engineering, and innovation within the given project.	10	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

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4-H STOCK SHOW

Yoakum Rodeo Arena/Show Barn

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:30 – 9:00 AM – Steers, Heifers, Swine & Goats [CHECK-IN](#)

9:00 AM – Agricultural Mechanics [CHECK-IN](#)

4:00 PM – Rabbits [CHECK-IN](#)

4:00 PM – Agricultural Mechanics Show

6:00 PM – Market Steer Show followed by Breeding Heifer Show

7:00 PM – Rabbit Show

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:00 AM – Market & Breeding Swine Show

9:00 AM – Broiler [CHECK-IN](#)

9:30 AM – Broiler Show

10:00 AM – Market Goat Show

3:00 PM – Bake Show and Sale

AWARDS CEREMONY - 5:00 PM

PREMIUM SALE - 6:00 PM