

# Trinity-Neches FFA & 4H Livestock Show & Rodeo

P.O. Box 787 Livingston, Texas 77351

Dear Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trinity-Neches FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Rodeo.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are honored to have you participate in our livestock show. We know you have spent many hours raising and taking care of your animals in hopes of having the Grand Champion dream come true.

Our volunteers have spent many hours getting ready to conduct the best show possible for you. We hope you have a rewarding experience that you will always remember.

We welcome you and thank you for participating in the 2026 Trinity-Neches FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Oliver Chairman Trinity-Neches FFA and 4-H Livestock Show

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## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

## 80th Trinity-Neches FFA and 4-H Livestock Show and Rodeo

\*\*\*Gates will NOT open prior to 6:00am each morning!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Gates will CLOSE at 10:00pm each night. Everyone must leave the fairgrounds by 10:00pm!\*\*\*

\*\*\*There will be a security guard on grounds from 10:00pm to 6:00am\*\*\*

#### Saturday, March 28, 2026

3:00 pm – Muttin Bustin Signups (6 and under)

5:00 pm - Muttin Bustin Check-in

5:30 pm - Muttin Bustin Begins

6:00 pm - Rodeo

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am - Check In for Breeding Heifer show and Dairy Heifer Show

9:30 am - Breeding Heifer show followed by the Dairy Heifer Show

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Early Move-in Ag Mech, Steers, Commercial Heifers, Swine, Goats, Lambs (optional)

#### Monday, March 30, 2026

8:00 am – 10:00 am – Weigh In for Steers, Commercial Heifers, Swine, Goats and Lambs

8:00 am - Check-in Meat Pen and Breeding Rabbits

9:00 am - Rabbit Judging - Meat Pens, followed by Breeding Rabbits

10:00 am - All Steers, Heifers, Swine, Goats and Lambs must be on the grounds and weighed in by this time

12:00 pm – Queens Luncheon, presentation to follow

5:30 pm – Check in Production Poultry and Broilers

6:00 pm - Production Poultry Show followed by Broiler Show

#### Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9:00 am - Market Lamb Show

12:00 pm - Market Goat Show followed by Breeding Goat Show

5:30 pm – Swine show followed by Breeding Swine Show

#### Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Check-in Arts & Crafts/Food and Cupcakes

10:00 am – Food and Cupcake Judging

10:00 am - Commercial Heifer Show

12:00 pm – Arts and Crafts Judging (available for viewing and pick-up at the conclusion of judging)

2:00 pm - Market Steer Show

4:00pm - Sale Meeting for Family and Consumer Sciences projects

5:30 pm – Pee Wee Show (swine barn)

\*\*Exhibitors must tell TNLS which animals to place in the sale within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the steer show\*\*

### Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:00 am - 6:30 am - Move-in Youth BBQ Teams

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Check-in for No Limits Show

10:00 am - No Limits Show

10:00 am - Ag Mechanics Judging

12:00 pm - Set-Up Sale Arena

 $6:00\ pm-BBQ$  Judging followed by announcement of results

7:00 pm – Washer Tournament (Swine Barn)

#### Friday, April 3, 2026

8:00 am - MANDATORY Sale Participant's Meeting in the Swine Barn

11:00 am – Buyer's Lunch

12:30 pm - Scholarships, Awards, Queen's Contest and Rodeo Results Announcements

1:00 pm - TNLS Sale

30 minutes AFTER TNLS Sale ends – Release Animal Projects

Take Down Sale Arena and Clean-Up Fairgrounds

# **Entry Fee Information**

<b>Breeding Beef Cattle</b>	\$25.00
Market Steer	\$30.00
Commercial Heifer	\$30.00
Breeding Goat	\$25.00
Market Goat	\$30.00
Market Lamb	\$30.00
Broiler	\$30.00
<b>Production Poultry</b>	\$10.00
Meat Pen Rabbit	\$30.00 (maximum of 8)
Breeding Rabbit	\$10.00
Market Swine	\$30.00
Breeding Swine	\$25.00
Ag Mech	\$20.00
BBQ	\$20.00
Family & Consumer Sciences	\$10.00
Queens Contest	\$150.00
Horticulture	\$20.00
Extra Tags	\$10.00

# **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS. FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES CONTACT THE OFFICE.

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations as some will be strictly enforced without deviation of any kind.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

THE TRINITY NECHES LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 1 TO PAGE 41 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Show, each Exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers agree to be bound by the General Rules and Special Rules as published herein. Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteer who violates and/or refuses to follow any of the General Rules and/or Special Rules as published in these rules shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo and/or Auction, and/or will forfeit all privileges and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo.

In order to participate in the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo, each exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money after October 1ST to the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo and/or Auction.

The following rules and regulations for the Trinity Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo have been adopted by the board of directors:

# **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## (continued)

- 1. Violation of any rule may bar exhibitor from all future shows and forfeit your prize money and/or awards such as buckles, banners, etc.
- 2. The Board of Directors has final decision on all matters and reserves the right to amend and interpret the rules and regulations.
- 3. The show is known as the Trinity-Neches FFA & 4-H Livestock Show (TNLS).
- 4. The show will be made up of entries from bonafide members of FFA chapters from Big Sandy, Corrigan, Goodrich, Leggett, Livingston, and Onalaska, as well as the Polk County 4-H Clubs who are in the third grade through seniors in high school.
- 5. No entry will be accepted from any individual except bonafide members of the above groups, except: breeding beef cattle, breeding swine, breeding meat goats, breeding rabbits, and production poultry and horse show. These divisions are open to all bonafide FFA, 4-H members, or 4-H Clover Kids who are at least five (5) years of age through seniors in high school.
- 6. The TNLS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
- 7. The show will be held in the spring each year, the date to be set by the livestock show committee.
- 8. No one except security is permitted to remain on the show grounds for the night and must be off the grounds by 10:00 p.m. No one is permitted to enter the grounds before 6:00 a.m.
- 9. No exhibitor will be allowed to participate as a FFA and as a 4-H member in the sweetheart contest and rodeo.
- 10. For any FFA and 4-H club member to be eligible for the rodeo and queens contest, the club must be represented in the livestock show and rodeo.
- 11. All rules and decisions will be left up to the livestock show committee.
- 12. All entry fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
- 13. All exhibitors will abide by the no-pass, no-play rule as stipulated by the UIL.
- 14. Protests all protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$150.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
- 15. The final decision is left up to the judge in all classes.
- 16. All animals must comply by rules as directed by the Animal Health Commission. Sick and unthrifty animals will not be allowed on the show grounds.
- 17. Once an animal arrives on the grounds, they are not allowed to leave. Animals that leave AFTER they have arrived will be disqualified. The grounds are defined as the fenced perimeter. Animals are not allowed to return to the parking lot after official weigh-in until after the animal is sifted or shown.
- 18. Stalls and pens will be pre-assigned per group.
- 19. Stalls may be assigned for individual animals within their own organization.
- 20. The Board of Directors will be composed of the following: Agricultural Science teachers from the Schools in Polk County, the Polk County Extension Agents, and all TNLS Committee Chairmen.
- 21. NO "FOR SALE" signs will be exhibited in the show barns. Sales may be made by private treaty.

- 22. Drugs which are not approved by U.S.D.A. may not be used. All market animals must adhere to the designated withdrawal period as recommended by the U.S.D.A. *Drug testing may be done on a random basis*.
  - 23. NO unethical alterations on any show animal will be allowed. No cruel and unusual punishment will be allowed. No changes of animal color will be allowed including dying. No forced administration of liquids, solids, or air. **Drenching will be allowed for lambs and goats, and must be performed under the barn before show begins. Drenching will be allowed for cattle with a drench gun ONLY under the supervision of an ag teacher or extension agent. Swine can be drenched with electrolytes and a small drench gun under the supervision of an ag teacher or county extension agent.**
- 24. All market steers, meat goats, market lambs and market swine MUST pass hair sift at the time of weigh-in from 8:00am 10:00 am on Monday, March 30, 2026. Animals not passing hair sift by 10:00 am on Monday, March 30, 2026 will not be allowed to show. Once an animal arrives on the grounds, they are not allowed to leave or they will be disqualified.
- 25. In case of death, the replacement policy is as follows for market animals: steers and heifers prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> weigh-in. Lambs, meat goats, and hogs 30 days after tag-in. Broilers at time of pick-up. All replacement animals must come from previously tagged animals except heifers and steers.
- 26. Any exhibitor showing unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected, with their animal, from the show.
- 27. Any market animal that exhibits signs of pregnancy at show will be disqualified.
- 28. All animals must be properly halter broken. Any animal deemed unsafe by the sifting committee may be dismissed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> breakaway.
- 29. Commercial heifers and market steers must be able to be lead across the scales with a halter/lead rope at tag-in/weigh-in. Animals that can't be lead across the scales will not be allowed to tag-in/weigh-in.
- 30. The Trinity-Neches Livestock Show will not be responsible for the loss, damage, death, or accidents of any animal, exhibitor, or spectator.
- 31. No tags will be issued after beginning date of show for market animals.
- 32. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, Judge, Ring Steward, Ring Help, and Committee Chairperson are allowed in the ring during judging.
- 33. Any individual exhibiting a market animal must have submitted to Trinity-Neches Livestock Show an entry and sign a Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement/Drug Certification Form by the first Saturday in December, or the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.
- 34. No shots may be given on the fairgrounds unless given by a veterinarian.
- 35. All animals that make the auction sale must remain on the grounds until after the auction sale on Friday, April 3, 2026. Beginning March 30, 2026 no animal is allowed to leave the fairgrounds once they enter the gates until after all showing of their division has been completed, or after sifting. No animals may leave during a show. All alternates must remain on the grounds until they are notified that they have made the auction sale (this should be by 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2026). No animals may arrive on the fairgrounds before 5:00 pm on March 29, 2026. Animals have the option to stay on grounds the duration of the show week, but must be removed by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026.

- 36. All exhibitors & animals must stay in the designated area until the show is finished. Exhibitors will be given two call backs, upon third calling exhibitor will be disqualified.
- 37. The times and dates on the Program of Activities supercedes those listed in the division rules and regulations.
- 38. Lambs, goats and cattle will enter the arena in order of weights.
- 39. Showmanship classes will be based on the age of exhibitor on the day of show. 13 and under junior; 14 and above senior. Breeding divisions will collect a \$5 entry fee at the gate before exhibitors can enter the ring for showmanship.
  - 40. Polk County Farm Bureau will sponsor showmanship awards for the following shows which will be held at the start of each species market show: Market Swine, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, Market Steers, Commercial Heifers, Broilers and Meat Rabbits.
- 41. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion buckles will be donated by the Sam Houston Electric Cooperative for the following divisions: Meat Pen Rabbits, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Poultry, Meat Goats, Market Lambs, Commercial Heifers, Market Steers, and Breeding Beef Cattle.
- 42. Family tags will be defined as the following: The exhibitors are brother/sister by blood relationship, or are legally adopted. ALL family tag exhibitors will be required to complete and turn in the TNLS entry form and pay the \$30 entry fee. Any extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Animals must be tagged in as a family entry, and the desire to family tag must be indicated on the entry form. Each individual must pay the \$30.00 per exhibitor entry fee per species; this exhibitor entry fee includes one animal tag per exhibitor per species. Each additional tag will be \$10 extra for all market animals. In order to family tag, the number of exhibitors must be equal to or more than the number of animals tagged in. (The number of animals cannot exceed the number of exhibitors).
- 43. The Exhibitor must house, feed and manage their animal from tag-in to show at their house or School Ag. Facility. Animals not kept there must have approval from their Ag. Science Teacher or County Extension Agent.
- 44. All market animals that are shown at the Trinity Neches Livestock Show must be raised and fed in Polk County. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances which would have to be brought before the board by the ag teacher/extension agent and approved on a case by case basis by the TNLS board.
- 45. Substitute exhibitor's may be used under the following conditions:
- a When an exhibitor is sick (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor), or
- b State mandated testing (TAKS/STAAR, EOC, etc.)
- c When one of the above conditions exists, the division supervisor may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed by the division chairman, the substitute showman must be from the same FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor. The division chairman may require documentation in any of the above (a or b) conditions.
  - 46. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show only one (1) animal per market division.
  - 47. Animals are not allowed to return to the parking lot after official weigh-in until the animal is sifted or shown.
  - 48. Each individual market animal will only be allowed across the OFFICIAL SCALES one time.

- 49. Before checks will be issued for any market animal, Thank You notes must be turned in to the FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents. Thank You notes must be completed for ALL buyers, and must be in an UNSEALED, addressed and stamped envelope. All FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents will turn in a verification list to the TNLS Chairman by the deadline given to show that all Thank You notes were turned in for all buyers from each exhibitor. FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents will mail the Thank You notes after they have verified that all Thank You notes have been received prior to the exhibitor receiving their first Sale check from TNLS.
- 50. All entries must be entered and entries paid by their respective entry and tag-in dates as listed in current Trinity-Neches Rule Book. All market entries are \$30.00 for the exhibitor and one animal, plus \$10.00 for every additional tag per additional animal. Meat Pen Rabbits are \$30.00 per entry (maximum of 8 rabbits). Each additional rabbit after the first 8 will be \$2 per head.
- 51. Exhibitors must tell TNLS which animals to place in the Sale within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the steer show on Wednesday.
- 52. Vendor booths may be set up for the entire TNLS show week, March 28 April 3, 2026 for a fee of \$100.00 (checks payable to TNLS).

# **BREEDING BEEF CATTLE**

This is an Open Show and subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Each exhibitor will be allowed multiple entries in any class in this division.
- 2. All animals must be free from any sign of disease and infection.
- 3. Entry fee will be \$25.00 payable on day of the show.
- 4. Class set up will be determined by the number registered.
- 5. Age of cow as of show day.
- 6. Animals must be at designated area at show time.
- 7. Each exhibitor is expected to keep their stall clean. Failure to do so may result in removal from show and forfeiture of premiums. No bedding hay or shavings allowed.
- 8. Jackpot Showmanship: \$5.00 entry fee collected at the gate.
- 9. One animal will constitute a breed.
- 10. NO dairy cattle allowed.
- 11. This is a "Blow & Go" show! No adhesives and/or paints will be used.
- 12. Check in on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. Showmanship begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the show.
- 13. The following are the Division and show order for the Female Breeding Beef Show: American, English, Exotic

Beef Cattle Classes within each Division:

1. Heifers: Under 12 months

2. Heifers: 12-18 months

3. Heifers: 18-24 months

4. Heifers: 24 months and over

## Awards:

Overall Grand and Reserve Heifers-----Belt Buckles (sponsored by local Go-Texan)

# **MARKET STEER DIVISION**

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Each exhibitor will be allowed only one market steer in the show, but may tag-in three. If the steer has a Texas Validation tag for majors, this tag/number will be used for TNLS identification.
- 2. No steer shall weigh less than 500 pounds on the day of the official weigh-in. The weigh-in will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the rodeo arena. A second weigh-in will be 14 days later for those steers that did not make weigh-in at 500 pounds minimum at 1<sup>st</sup> weigh-in. Weight limits for second weigh-in will be an additional 2 pounds per day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> weigh-in. Only one steer may be weighed-in per exhibitor at show.
- 3. All steers must weigh atleast 1,000 lbs on Monday, March 30, 2026 in order to be shown in the Market Steer Show. Any steer weighing less than 1,000 lbs will be disqualified.
- 4. The official TNLS scales will be made available for cattle ahead of time (before the week of TNLS).
- 5. No nurse cows after first weigh-in.
- 6. Steer may be bought wherever exhibitor desires.
- 7. A rate of gain award will be given to the student who exhibits the steer with the highest gain beginning with the weight at the official weigh-in in October through the final weigh-in in March. Steers coming back for 2<sup>nd</sup> weigh-in are ineligible for rate of gain award. First place award is sponsored by Cochran's Funeral Home and second place award is sponsored by Tommy and Sherry Overstreet.
- 8. After the auction sale, each exhibitor is responsible for their steer until their buyer takes possession.
- 9. Each exhibitor must be able to show the steer at halter unassisted.
- 10. Steers must be slick shorn from the knees up. They may be sheared from knees down with the hair or against the hair. Hair may be no longer than 3/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch in length.
- 11. Any animal not passing hair sift will not be officially weighed-in until it passes hair sift. Any exhibitor not officially weighed in by 10:00 am on Monday, March 30, 2026 will be disqualified.
- 12. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring steward, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is going on.
- 13. Market steer classes will be broken by weights as evenly as possible. Number of classes will be determined by number of head checked in at weigh in at show.
- 14. No dying of steers, artificial coloring, or alteration of color is allowed.
- 15. All steers must be dehorned or naturally polled (no horns).
- 16. Cattle can be drenched with a drench gun under the supervision of an ag teacher or extension agent.

## REPLACEMENT COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Official tag-in will be the same date and time as steer tag-in 2nd Thursday in October from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the rodeo arena.
- 2. The commercial heifer show will be divided into two divisions American and European (English/Exotic Breeds). A classifying committee will classify heifers based on breed characteristics and make divisions accordingly at weigh-in/tag-in. Judges/committee decision will be final. Breed characteristics are listed below for each division:

American Division – exhibiting signs of Brahman influence to include, but not limited to larger ears, excess skin around the naval/underline area, hair consistent with Brahman influence (shorter hair).

European Division – exhibiting signs of no Brahman influence. These cattle should have smaller ears, no excess dewlap or skin, with hair consistent with European influence (longer hair).

- 3. Three heifers may be tagged-in, but only one may be shown.
- 4. All heifers must be weaned by the initial tag-in date.
- 5. All heifers must be dehorned or naturally polled.
- 6. All heifers must be vaccinated for Brucellosis before show. For optimum protection, heifers should be vaccinated between 6 and 8 months of age.
- 7. Heifers will be tagged. If tag is lost, exhibitor must contact their Ag. Teacher or County Agent immediately for replacement.
- 8. Heifers must weigh at least 400 pounds and no more than 800 pounds at weigh-in. Weight limits for second weigh-in will be an additional 2 pounds per day from 1st to 2nd weigh-in. Heifers not meeting the weight requirements at first weigh-in are eligible for second weigh-in two weeks later at a minimum weight of 428 pounds and a maximum weight of 828 pounds.
- 9. All heifers must have a halter and be able to be lead across the official scales for tag-in/weigh-in. Heifers that can't be lead with a halter/lead rope will not be allowed to tag-in/weigh-in.
- 10. The official TNLS scales will be made available for cattle ahead of time (before the week of TNLS).
- 11. Heifers may be double entered in the breeding beef division. A separate entry form must be filed and entry fee paid.
- 12. Entries in this division will be judged as replacement heifers and should be fed and fitted accordingly.
- 13. Each exhibitor must be able to show the heifer at halter unassisted.
- 14. Commercial heifer classes will be broken by weights as evenly as possible.
- 15. Strictly blow and go no adhesives, no artificial color, and no dying.
- 16. Any commercial heifer that is bred, exhibits signs of pregnancy or that has calved will be disqualified at time of show.
- 17. Only Ag. Teacher, County Agent, ring steward, ring help and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is going on.

18. Cattle can be drenched with a drench gun under the supervision of an ag teacher or extension agent.

## Format for Commercial Heifer Show with divisions:

There will be 2 divisions – American influenced and European (British/Exotic) influence. Each division will show separately and will be placed as follows:

American division: Grand Champion American Commercial Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion American Commercial Heifer, and 3rd through last placing American Commercial Heifer.

European division: Grand Champion European Commercial Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion European Commercial Heifer, and 3rd through last placing European Commercial Heifer.

After the divisions are placed, the judge will then select Supreme Grand Champion Commercial Heifer and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Heifer from the American Grand and Reserve and the European Grand and Reserve.

At the conclusion of the Overall Grand and Reserve Commercial Heifer selection, the sale order will be selected (places 3rd – 15th for the sale, 16th-20th for alternates). The judge will choose between both divisions to select the sale order and alternates.

# **Polk County Farm Bureau**

Polk County Farm Bureau will reward the FFA and 4H participants of the Trinity-Neches Livestock show who exhibit <u>Polk County bred and owned animals</u>. \$1000 will be presented to highest placing animal in the Commercial Heifer and Steer Show. \$500.00 will be presented second highest place, and \$250.00 to third highest place winner.

## **DEFINITION OF COUNTY BRED AND OWNED:**

The steer or commercial heifer must be born to a dam or recipient having been located in Polk County and owned by a Polk County landowner prior to breeding, during the gestations, and after birth of the show animal. (Breeding may be defined as natural, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer if dam or recipient is owned and located in Polk County prior to gestation.)

**REQUIREMENTS:** The following application must be completed in full, along with a project photo and turned in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October to the Polk County Farm Bureau. (Incomplete forms without pictures or advisor signatures will not be considered for the awards)

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# MARKET GOAT SHOW

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. As designated by the Board of Directors, each exhibitor may tag-in three meat goats at the county tag-in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. at the fairgrounds. If the goat has a Texas Validation tag for majors, this tag/number will be used for TNLS identification.
- 2. Horns are allowed, but must be tipped.
- 3. The market goat show will be divided into weight classes, as will be determined the date of show.
- 4. All goats may be shown with collars or halters (lead rope may not exceed 24 inches)
- 5. If tag is lost, exhibitor must contact Ag. Science Teacher or County Extension Agent as soon as possible to obtain replacement.
- 6. Market goat animals may be bought from wherever the exhibitor desires.
- 7. The Market Goat show is open to all breeds of goats.
- 8. Wethers and female goats may be shown, but no pregnant or milking females will be allowed to show.
- 9. All goats must weigh atleast 60 pounds at show.
- 10. Clipping of goats: no top notch, may leave switch. Hair may be no longer than 3/8 of an inch in length.
- 11. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring stewards, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is going on.
- 12. Goats are not allowed to return to the parking lot after official weigh-in.
- 13. All female goats must have Scrapies tag or tattoo in place at tag-in and on day of show.
- 14. Meat Goat exhibitors may participate in the meat goat showmanship contest sponsored by Polk County Farm Bureau. Awards will be given for Junior and Senior divisions, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each division, the contest will be at the beginning of the goat show.
- 15. NO unethical alterations on any show animal will be allowed. No cruel and unusual punishment will be allowed. No changes of animal color will be allowed including dying. No forced administration of liquids, solids, or air. **Drenching will be allowed, but must be performed under the barn before show begins**.

# **BREEDING MEAT GOAT SHOW**

This is an Open Show and is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the TrinityNeches Livestock Show.

- 1. Entry fee will be \$25.00 per goat payable upon check-in.
- 2. Jackpot Showmanship: \$5.00 entry fee.
- 3. Exhibitors must own their meat goat by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year.
- 4. Exhibitors may enter as many goats as they want per class. 4-H and FFA members will be eligible to assist in the showing of goats if a student has multiple entries per class.
- 5. Goats must be in good health and show no signs of parasites or disease.
- 6. Goats may be shown with choke chains or collars. No lead ropes over 24 inches in length.
- 7. Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor.
- 8. Goats will be classed by age as of date of show.
- 9. Students must be able to control their animals or they will be dismissed from show ring.
- 10. All breeding goats MUST have a Scrapies tag or tattoo placed in the goat's ear at weigh in.
- 11. Horns must be tipped.

### Classes:

Percentage Blood Does:

1. Doe kids	0-6 months
2. Doe kids	6-12 months
3. Does	12-23 months
4. Does	24 months and over

## Full Blood Does:

1. Doe kids	0-6 months
2. Doe kids	6-12 months
3. Does	12 - 23 months
4. Does	24 months and over

# MARKET LAMB SHOW

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. The minimum weight at show is 85 pounds.
- 2. Each exhibitor may tag-in three lambs at county tag-in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the fairgrounds. If the lamb has a Texas Validation tag for majors, this tag/number will be used for TNLS identification.
- 3. All lambs must be slick shorn (knees up, no top notch) within 7 days of the show.
- 4. Only wethers and ewe lambs will be allowed to show.
- 5. No paint, powder, or artificial color can be used.
- 6. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring stewards, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is going on.
- 7. Lambs are not allowed to return to parking lot after official weigh-in.
- 8. All female lambs must have Scrapies tag or tattoo in place at tag-in and on day of show.
- 9. NO unethical alterations on any show animal will be allowed. No cruel and unusual punishment will be allowed. No changes of animal color will be allowed including dying. No forced administration of liquids, solids, or air. **Drenching will be allowed, but must be performed under the barn before show begins**.

# **BREEDING SHEEP SHOW**

This is an Open Show and is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Entry fee will be \$25.00 per ewe payable upon check-in.
- 2. Exhibitors must own their ewes by December 1st of the preceding year.
- 3. Exhibitors may enter as many ewes as they want per class. 4-H and FFA members will be eligible to assist in the showing of ewes if a student has multiple entries per class.
- 4. Ewes must be in good health and show no signs of parasites or disease.
- 5. Ewes may be shown with halters or collars. No lead ropes over 24 inches in length.
- 6. Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor.
- 7. Ewes will be classed by age as of date of show.
- 8. Students must be able to control their animals, or they will be dismissed from show ring.
- 9. All breeding ewes MUST have a Scrapies tag or tattoo placed in the ewe's ear at weigh in.

Classes: EWES

- 1. Ewe lambs 0 6 months
- 2. Ewe lambs 6 12 months
- 3. Ewes 12 23 months
- 4. Ewes 24 months and over

Medium Wool

Ewe lamb

Yearling

Aged

Champion/Reserve Medium Wool

Grand and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe

Senior Breeding Showmanship

Intermediate Breeding Showmanship

Junior Breeding Showmanship

## **BROILER DIVISION**

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Only one broiler entry per exhibitor (three broilers make a pen).
- 2. Completed entry is due when birds are ordered. Entry fee is \$30.00. Payment is due at time of order.
- 3. All broilers will be ordered from the same place, through the livestock show, on the designated date in December.
- 4. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of three broilers from within the broilers assigned to them. They must order in increments of 25 depending on availability from hatchery.
- 5. Replacement Policy: Replace all dead birds at time of pick-up. Replacement birds will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Only dead birds may be replaced.
- 6. Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of band; chicks are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers. Be sure that the numbers correspond with the name on records provided at the time that the chicks are picked up.
- 7. Broilers losing their wing band, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to check in at the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted; the decision of the show official is final.
- 8. Use of alternate bird must be done only before judging starts.
- 9. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own birds until the contest begins, no pens will be provided.
- 10. Only judge may sift birds from show.
- 11. FFA & 4-H members hold birds during all sifts, all holders must remain in pen. Each entry will be allowed 3 holders, they may hold for only that entry.
- 12. Only Exhibitor, broiler holders, Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring stewards, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is going on.
- 13. Only Grand and Reserve broilers will be left on fairgrounds.
- 14. Grand and Reserve broilers will be moved to designated pens by the exhibitors.
- 15. The exhibitor is responsible for getting the sale broilers to the auction sale.
- 16. All Broilers left on the fairgrounds throughout the week must be fed and watered daily. Those not adhering to this rule will be asked to remove their animal from the grounds.

# **PRODUCTION POULTRY DIVISION**

This is an Open Show and is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the TrinityNeches Livestock Show.

- 1. The exhibitor will be allowed to enter multiple entries in production classes (three hens of the same breed make an entry).
- 2. Entry fee: \$10 per entry payable at show check-in.
- 3. Production classes must be healthy at show. Diseased birds may be removed from show.
- 4. Exhibitors must provide their own pens, for production poultry.
- 5. FFA & 4-H members hold birds during all sifts, all holders must remain in pen. Each entry will be allowed 3 holders, they may hold for only that entry.

# **BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION**

This is an Open Show and is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. This is a non-sanctioned show, all breeds.
- 2. Unlimited number of entries per youth.
- 3. Entry fee is \$10.00 per entry.
- 4. Any breeds with more than 15 entries will be judged individually. Any breeds with less than 15 will be judged in all others.
- 5. Juniors and Seniors which exceed maximum weight limits may be shown in higher age classifications. No animal may be shown in a lower age classification than its true age.
- 6. Breeding rabbits will be identified at time of show.
- 7. All ARBA Rules will be followed.
- 8. Breed classes will be as follows:

## **Californian Showroom Classes and Weights:**

Jr. Bucks – Under 6 months of age. Weight between  $5\frac{1}{2}$  -8 pounds. Intermediate Bucks – Under 8 months of age. Weight under 9 pounds. Sr. Bucks – Over 8 months of age. Weight between 8-10 pounds.

Jr. Does - Under 6 months of age. Weight between 5 ½ -8 ½ pounds. Intermediate Does - Under 8 months of age. Weight under 9 pounds. Sr. Does - Over 8 months of age. Weight between 8 ½ - 10 ½ pounds.

## **Mini Rex Showroom Classes and Weights:**

Jr. Bucks – Under 6 months of age. Weight between 2 - 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds. Sr. Bucks – Over 6 months of age. Weight between 3 – 4  $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds.

Jr. Does - Under 6 months of age. Weight between 2 - 3 ¾ pounds. Sr. Does - Over 6 months of age. Weight between 3 ¼ - 4 ½ pounds.

## **MEAT PEN RABBIT DIVISION**

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. All entries must be made by the March entry deadline.
- 2. Entry fee paid is to be paid at the time of the March 5, 2026 tattoo date. Entry fee is \$30.00 per entry (this includes up to 8 rabbits). There will be a \$2 per head charge for each rabbit after the first 8.
- 3. Entry fee may **not** be applied to the breeding rabbit show if the meat pen does not breed.
- 4. Entries must be tattooed prior to show day. A county-wide tattoo date is set for March 2026 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the fairgrounds.
- 5. Entries are limited to one pen per exhibitor.
- 6. Exhibitors will **not** have to breed their rabbits for show, but must own their rabbits by the March 2026 tattoo date.
- 7. ALL rabbits that are entered into the Meat Pen Rabbit Show will be tattooed. This includes rabbits purchased and "homegrown".
- 8. Rabbits are NOT ALLOWED to have tattoos in their ears BEFORE the TNLS tattoo date. Rabbits with tattoos already in their ears will not be allowed to enter for the show.
- 9. Meat Pen: 3 rabbits of the same breed and weighing between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds each. All weighing will be done by judges or rabbit committee.
- 10. Rabbits can weigh no more than 3 lbs on the tattoo date.
- 11. No mixes, hines, or half crosses will be allowed to compete. A pedigree is not necessary, but they must be purebred. Californian or New Zealand breed is best.
- 12. Any rabbit showing symptoms of any disease or external parasite may be sifted at the judge's discretion.
- 13. If one rabbit in the pen of the meat pen rabbits is sifted, the whole pen is disqualified.
- 14. Brothers and sisters may choose their entries from a combined herd.
- 15. Non-placing animals must be removed from the grounds after the rabbit show is over.
- 16. Rabbit Showmanship will be held.
- 17. Only the grand and reserve champion rabbits will remain on the fairgrounds throughout the week, they must be fed and watered daily. Those not adhering to this rule will be asked to remove their animal from the grounds.

We will not be checking rabbits for disqualifications at tag in, in order to speed the process along. We will be checking weights. It is very important that you get a responsible breeder please ask them to go over the rabbits with you or make sure before you purchase they are free from any disqualifications. Also make sure they are the right age for our show. It is an advantage to have the right size rabbit to start with, and it should grow along to a proper weight with proper care. If rabbits are over set weight at

# **MARKET SWINE**

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Animals may be bought anywhere the exhibitor desires.
- 2. Animals may be from registered, purebred, or crossbred animals from purebred animals of different breeds.
- 3. Each exhibitor is entitled to enter only one head, but can tag in three head if desired.
- 4. Each exhibitor may weigh in one market swine at time of show. If the pig has a Texas Validation tag for majors, this tag/number will be used for TNLS identification.
- 5. Each exhibitor is allowed only one weigh-in on the official scales.
- 6. No animal will be allowed to enter the show weighing less than 220 lbs. or more than 300 lbs.
- 7. NO ANIMALS CAN BE FORCEFULLY ADMINISTERED ANY SUBSTANCES TO RAISE OR LOWER ITS BODY WEIGHT, OR ADDED EXTERNALLY TO THE PIG. Swine can be drenched with electrolytes and a small drench gun under the supervision of an ag teacher or county extension agent.
- 8. The market swine show will be divided into weight classes determined at the date of the show.
- 9. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring stewards, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is occurring in the show ring.
- 10. Only exhibitors and ring help will be allowed in the staging area.
- 11. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a buckle.
- 12. Market swine exhibitors may participate in the swine showmanship contest sponsored by Polk County Farm Bureau. Awards will be given for Junior and Senior Divisions, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each division.

## **BREEDING SWINE SHOW**

This Open Show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show.

- 1. Any animal shown in this show must have been owned, fed, managed and fitted by the exhibitor prior to opening date of the show.
- 2. Entry fee is \$25.00.
- 3. Jackpot Showmanship: \$5.00 entry fee.
- 4. There will be a jackpot showmanship for all exhibitors entered in the breeding swine show. Pigs shown in showmanship must be entered in breeding swine show.
- 5. Check in breeding swine immediately following market swine show and before breeding swine showmanship begins.
- 6. All animals must be healthy and free from external parasites. Animals showing such signs of illness will be removed from show.
- 7. All breeding hogs must be in show condition and properly fitted and groomed.
- 8. Exhibitor must keep pens clean at all times.
- 9. No bedding allowed.
- 10. Exhibitor will be on hand to show animal and get it to the ring promptly when called.
- 11. Breeding Division will consist of Gilts younger than 12 months of age.
- 12. No sows or boars are allowed.
- 13. Breeds shown are as follows:
  - a. Duroc,
  - b. Hampshire,
  - c. Yorkshire,
  - d. OPB, and
  - e. Cross
- 14. Only Ag. Teachers, County Agents, ring stewards, ring help, and committee chairperson is allowed in the ring while judging is occurring in the show ring.
- 15. Only exhibitors and ring help will be allowed in the staging area.
- 16. Grand & Reserve Champion breeding swine will receive buckles.

## AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

## Rules and Regulations:

- 1. Entries are allowed from Polk County FFA, Jr FFA and 4-H chapters only.
- 2. Entry fee will be \$20.00 per project due at check-in.
- 3. Entries previously entered in the TNLS Ag. Mechanics show will not be eligible.
- 4. Entries must have been completed since previous year's show.
- 5. The chairman will make sure each project is in the correct division prior to judging.
- 6. FFA or 4-H show cards must be on each project showing the name of the student who built the project and the school or organization.
- 7. There will be 7 divisions:
  - a. Ag Machinery
    - i. Hay Equipment
    - ii. All other mounted and pulled type tractor equipment
    - iii. Truck and Tractor Accessories
  - b. Livestock Equipment
    - i. Gates
    - ii. Livestock Feeders
    - iii. Restraining Equipment
  - c. Trailer
    - i. Bumper Pull
    - ii. Gooseneck
    - iii. All Stock Trailers
  - d. Recreation and Home Use
    - i. BBQ Pits
    - ii. Outdoor Yard and Garden Equipment
  - e. Wildlife
    - i. Deer Stands
    - ii. Wildlife Feeders
  - f. Shop Equipment
    - i. Shop tables/benches
    - ii. Other shop equipment
  - g. Tractors
    - i. 1950 and older
    - ii. 1951-1960
    - iii. 1961 to present
- 8. Ribbons will be based on quality of projects.
- 9. Awards will be Blue, Red, or White ribbons, and all entries will receive a ribbon. A rosette will be given for best overall project in each class. A banner will be given for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
- 10. Projects will be judged on various criteria, including but not limited to:
  - a. Workmanship
  - b. Design & Materials

- c. Practicality
- d. General Appearance & Finish
- 11. In case of a tie, the judge will make the final tie-break decision.
- 12. The Trinity-Neches FFA and 4-H Livestock Show is not responsible for any damage or loss of projects.
- 13. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their schools.
- 14. No documentation book or bill of material is needed.
- 15. Awards will be presented immediately after judging.

## **BARBECUE COOK-OFF**

## Rules and Regulations:

- 1. Check in time for cooking rigs is 6:00am-6:30am on Thursday, April 2, 2026.
- 2. A team consists of Advisors or substitute approved by Event Chairman, and no more than six (6) students. Students must be in good standing with the FFA or 4-H Organizations and must be passing all classes.
- 3. Each Chapter/Club can have as many cook-off teams as they want. Each team must have their own pit to cook on no two teams can share a BBQ pit.
- 4. Categories for the 2026 TNLS Barbecue Cook-Off are as follows:
  - <u>BEEF BRISKET</u> Turn in nine (9) slices 1/4 to 3/8 inch thick (only three (3) slices to each judge for judging).
  - <u>RIBS</u> Teams can cook no more than three (3) racks of ribs (only two (2) ribs to each judge for judging).
  - <u>COOK'S CHOICE</u> Anything the cook-off team can cook on their pit; however, desserts will not count as an entry.
- 5. Entry fee of \$20 per team, due upon check-in on Thursday, April 2, 2026. Teams include each of Polk County 4-H clubs, Jr. FFA and FFA Chapters.
- 6. Three (3) judges will be chosen by the Event Chairman. Judging will be based on Taste, Appearance and Tenderness/Texture of both meat items.
- 7. BBQ Cook-off teams are allowed to have corporate sponsors and may display signs showing that.
- 8. Members of each team (4H and FFA members) MUST be the ones cooking. Parents/advisors/agents/volunteers may only assist.
- 9. Each cook-off team is responsible for keeping the contest area clean and policed before leaving.
- 10. Fire extinguishers must be provided by each cook-off team.
- 11. Teams must provide all their own supplies. TNLS will provide plates or trays and silverware for judging only.
- 12. All meat must be raw and uncooked at check in. Prior preparation, such as marinating and seasoning, is not permitted. If meat has been pre-marinated, your team will be disqualified.
- 13. You may cook your own sauce. Sauce may not be added to meat once it is turned in for judging. Sauce can be used during cooking process. Sauce, however, can be put in a small container for judges to use if they so choose.
- 14. Meat will be inspected from 6:30am to 6:45am by TNLS Chairman. Once inspection is complete, you may start cooking.
- 15. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible.
- 16. Upon completion of judging, meat can be taken home by your team or donated to the Concession Stand.
- 17. The judging process will begin promptly at 6:00pm in the Family & Consumer Sciences building. Meat must be plated and ready to be served to each judge prior to judging, no later than 6:00pm. Turn in barbecue plates to the Family & Consumer Sciences building.
- 18. Results of the BBQ Cook-Off will be announced AFTER the judging is complete on THURSDAY evening.

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SHOW

## General Rules & Regulations

- 1. This show will consist of five divisions:
  - a. Crafts
  - b. Horticulture
  - c. Floral Design
  - d. Art
  - e. Photography
  - f. Baking
- 2. All creative art and horticulture entries will be entered at the fairgrounds between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. No early or late entries will be accepted.
  - a. Students will not be excused from schools to enter items in this department.
- 3. All food entries will be accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. No early or late entries will be accepted.
- 4. Entries must conform to General Rules and Division Rules to be eligible to be judged and to receive awards. Where there are discrepancies between rules, General Rules will take precedence over Division Rules.
- 5. All possible security will be taken and a night watchman will be on duty during the fair. The Trinity Neches Livestock Show assumes no responsibility in case of theft, accident, damage, or loss of entries.
- 6. Entries must have been completed since the last Trinity-Neches Livestock Show and entered by the person making the article.
  - a. You can only show articles that you have made.
  - b. All entries for an exhibit must be categorized and labeled with an entry tag before check in. Entry tags and entry forms will be available on the day of the show at the fairgrounds.
  - c. The previous year's Grand Champion must return with a different recipe for the current year.
- 7. Any student enrolled in a Polk County School District and/or homeschool is eligible to enter exhibits. You do not have to be a 4-H or FFA member to enter.
- 8. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee for each item entered.
- 9. The Exhibit Building will be open for public viewing following judging.
- 10. All classes within a division will be divided as follows:
  - a. Pee Wee 5-7 years old (entries in this age division are not eligible to sale at the TNLS Auction Sale)
  - b. Juniorsc. Seniors8-13 years old14-18 years old
- 11. All decisions of the judges are final.
- 12. All entries will be released between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026. Entries not collected by owners by 12:00 p.m. will become the property of TNLS and may be disposed of at their discretion.

- 13. All Grand Champions in each Division will have the option to sell their project at the Friday TNLS Sale. There will be a meeting for those making sale on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 4:00pm.
  - a. All exhibitors who place for the Sale in the food division must provide two items that are fresh on the day of the sale. One will be for the sale and two will be provided to the buyer at the time of the sale. The items need to be in a decorative container for presentation to the buyer.
- 14. Entries may be sold at the discretion of the owner; however, their sale may not interfere with the fair.
  - a. No "For Sale" signs may be displayed.
  - b. Exhibits may not be removed early for this or any other purpose.
  - c. Any sales transaction must be between the buyer and seller.
  - d. TNLS will not in any way underwrite exhibits sold during the fair.
- 15. The TNLS Executive Board will arbitrate any disputes concerning rules during the fair. The Board may call on the Department Chairman for information, but the chairman does not have a vote in the decision making process.
- 16. The Department Chairman may refuse to accept show entries which are deemed unsuitable for show, and may reject unsatisfactory entries which do not uphold the guidelines.
- 17. Each contestant may enter one exhibit in each division.
- 18. Classes will be determined by the Division Chairman and the number of entries in each class.
- 19. Each exhibit must have an identification which clearly states ownership. This will be provided by TNLS upon entry.
- 20. Teachers/advisors will be allowed to pick up entries, if the exhibitor is not available.
- 21. Proof of eligibility is required for all entries. NO PASS! NO PLAY!

## Division Rules & Regulations

## **CRAFT DIVISION:**

- 1. All entries should be turned in with a description of the article on a 3 X 5 card along with the instruction sheet attached.
- 2. Sewing-type entries should be turned in on a hanger if appropriate.
  - a. Entries that have been made from patterns must have the instruction sheet attached to the entry.
- 3. Any entry that can easily be soiled should be covered with some type of plastic that can easily be opened and closed.
- 4. All entries must be handmade and be only the work of the exhibitor entering the project. No kits, pre-made or pre-printed forms or commercial kits will be allowed.
- 5. Any flora will be placed into the Floral Design Division.
- 6. Classes will be determined by the Division Chairman and the number of entries.

Suggested Craft Classes: Wood or Metal Craft, Carved Articles, Ceramic Articles, Decorative Painted Articles, Holiday Decorations, Stained Glass, Decorated T-Shirts,

Macrame' Articles, Constructed Clothing, Crochet Articles, Embroidery Articles, Knitted Articles, Cross Stitch, and Quilts.

## **ART DIVISION**

- 1. Entry tags must be placed over the artist's name during the entry process.
- 2. Original art work will not be judged against copies. For the purpose of this show a copy will be defined as a picture copied from any published work, magazine picture, photograph, or other picture and must be entered as a copy. The copy must be mounted on the back of the entry.
- 3. Paintings and sketches must be titled and matted, but not framed.
- 4. Classes will be determined by the Division Chairman and will be based on number of entries
- 5. Classes will follow accepted divisions according to the type of media used.
- 6. Entries must be the exhibitor's work and cannot be a kit or paint by numbers.
- 7. The subject of the art work should be Landscape, Western Art, Animal, Still Life or Human Interest.

Suggested Art Classes: Oils, Pastels, Crayon, Charcoal, Watercolors, Acrylics, Pen and Ink, Mixed Media, Mosaic, Clay, Sculpture, Clay

## FLORAL DESIGN DIVISION:

- 1. Floral arrangements must have been the creation of the exhibitor.
- 2. Only one entry per person.
- 3. Flowers may be purchased, home grown or gathered.

Suggested Artistic Arrangements by Individuals Could Include: Fresh Flowers, Artificial Flowers

## **HORTICULTURE DIVISION:**

- Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor starting on or before February 16, 2026
  - o Plants should show evidence of being grown in the container
  - o If plants are found to have been freshly potted or do not stand up during the show, the award will be withheld
  - o If single elements require replanting during the 6 week period prior to show, the exhibitors should document the element in the Exhibitor Log Sheet in writing and with photos (these photos will be in addition to the 10 required photos)
- Entries should be complete upon arrival to the show
  - o Entries must be turned in with the completed Exhibitor Log Sheet, journal ,and pictures at check-in
- Leaf polishes or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted
- Accessories are not permitted (bows, ribbons, etc.)
- Exhibitor Log Sheet: Each exhibitor must keep an Exhibitor Log Sheet that will be submitted the day of the competition at the check-in table. Questions may be directed to Makenzie Cegelski or Ashlee Krebs
  - Exhibitor Logs can be found in the TNLS Rulebook
  - Other types of exhibitor logs will not be accepted. Entries without the approved TNLS Exhibitor Log Sheet will be disqualified.

- The Exhibitor Log Sheet is assessed for content, not creativity and should include:
  - The project name
  - o A brief narrative describing the source of inspiration for the entry and steps taken during the creative process. Explain if a kit will be used to make the project.
  - o A sketch of the original design idea of the project, labeling the plant materials used.
  - A minimum of 10 photographs taken during the planting and cultivation of the entry
    - Pictures taken during replanting are in addition to the 10 required photographs
    - Photographs must be printed and included with the log. Photographs may not be submitted digitally. TNLS will not print photographs.
  - o A list of plant materials used, including the botanical and common name.
  - A timeline journaling/documenting the planting and maintenance activity.
    - The date the project was started along with a receipt for the purchase of the project
    - A timeline entry at least once a week for the duration of the project
  - o Journal entries should include:
    - The date of the entry
    - A picture of the project at the time of the journal entry
    - A detailed description of what has happened with the project between the last journal entry and the current entry
    - Any receipts for materials or supplies bought to be used for the project
  - o TNLS will not print logs for exhibitors. Project logs need to be complete and ready to be turned in when exhibitors arrive at the check-in table.
  - Exhibitor Log Sheets must be bound together and in a folder, binder, project portfolio, etc. with the exhibitors name and project name on the front cover.

# **Trinity-Neches Livestock Show Exhibitor Log Sheet**

This log sheet must be filled out and turned in with your project and entry card on the designated date. Additional sheets of paper may be used if needed.

Exhibitor Name:			
Exhibitor Address:			
Exhibitor Address:	State:	Zip Code:	
Exhibitor Phone:	Emai	1:	
An Exhibitor Log Sheet must be c	ompleted for each en	try. Please provide us with t	he information below.
Entry/ Project Name:			
Division:			
Project Start Date:			
Is the project made using a kit?	Yes	No	
Please write a brief description of steps taken during the process.	the source of inspira	tion for the project and why	you chose it. Include the
Was the entire project made by ye	ou? If not, who helped	d you and why?	
Please list all plant materials used	l including the botanic	cal and common names.	
Write a detailed description of the	e stens or procedures	followed in making your pro	 niect

If you are awarded Grand Champion within your division, are you willing to sell your project at the TNLS Sale of Friday April 3, 2026? (*circle one option below*)

**YES**, I will sell my project.

NO, I wish to take home my project

## **Horticulture Exhibitors:**

Exhibitors in the Horticulture show must:

- 1. Attach a minimum of 10 pictures taken during the cultivation of the entry
- 2. Complete a timeline journaling the cultivation of the entry. The timeline page may be copied if additional pages are needed.

Timeline and Journal (please see your AST or CET for this).

## **PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION:**

- 1. All entries must be 5" X 7" or 8" X 10".
- 2. Entries must be titled and matted, but not framed.
- 3. Classes will be determined by the Division Chairman and will be based on number of entries.
- 4. The exhibitor's name should appear ONLY on the entry tag.
- 5. The subject of the art work should be Landscape, Western Art, Animal, Still Life or Human Interest.

Suggested Photography Classes: Black & White, Color, Digitally Enhanced, Sepia **BAKING DIVISON:** 

- 1. All entries must submit recipes printed on a 3 X 5 card along with the entry. Recipes become the property of TNLS. The exhibitor's name must not appear anywhere on the food item or recipe card.
- 2. Entries must be placed in or on a disposable dish and covered with plastic wrap. If a hard container is used it will not be returned. All food show entries become property of TNLS upon entry to the contest, and will not be returned to the exhibitor.

- 3. Doilies or decorations shall not be added to food displays.
- 4. Entries requiring refrigeration or freezer storage will not be accepted.
- 5. Only entries made from scratch (no box/package mixes) will be accepted.
- 6. Grand champion baking from the previous year must use a different recipe for the following year in order to enter a baking item.

Suggested Food Classes: Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, Unfrosted Cakes, Frosted Cakes, Decorated Cakes, Loaf Cakes, Fruit Pies, Cookies, Candy and Cobblers

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SHOW

Trinity-Neches Livestock Show Exhibit Log Sheet

This log sheet must be filled out and turned in with your project and entry card on the designated date. Additional sheets of paper may be used if needed.

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	Date project was started:
2.	Was this project made using a kit?
3.	Where did you get your idea for the project and why did you choose it?
4.	Was the entire project made by you? If not, who help you and why?
5.	Supplies and materials used:
	Detailed steps or procedures followed in making your project.
7.	

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Address:		
Phone:		
Date of Birth:	Social Security #:	
Club or School:	Advisor:	
Division:		
Do you wish to sell your item	n should you qualify? Yes	No
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Contestant's Name:		
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Address:		
Phone:		
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## **RODEO**

This show is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo.

- 1. The rodeo entries are restricted to certified members of the following high schools: Big Sandy, Corrigan-Camden, Goodrich, Leggett, Livingston, Onalaska, and Polk County 4-H Club
- 2. All horses must have current negative Coggin's papers at check-in.
- 3. Only mares and geldings will be allowed as mounts.
- 4. All contestants must have a properly signed minor's release in the hands of respective advisor's prior to the opening day of the show.
- 5. All Rodeo Contestants must follow state laws.
- 6. ALL contestants in Steer Saddling, Steer Riding and Chute Dogging events are REQUIRED to wear a mouth piece!
- 7. All members from one Chapter/Club will make up the rodeo team for the group and the total score will be used to select award winners.
- 8. No exhibition rides will be allowed, but special events may be selected by the rodeo committee.
- 9. All rodeo team entries must be in the hands of Mr. Oliver by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 10. No contestant may participate on the rodeo team of both the FFA and the 4-H.
- 11. One contestant can enter more than one event, but cannot enter the same event twice.
- 12. First and Second place teams will be awarded banners.
- 13. Individual ribbons will be given to the top 3 contestants in each event.
- 14. No contestant will be allowed to be in the arena that does not have a number.
- 15. All contestants will be responsible to the arena director or someone designated by the director.
- 16. Buckles are awarded to Queen & Runner-Up the night of the competition.
- 17. A rodeo team must enter 3 events in order to win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> overall awards.
- 18. Sweetheart contest counts in overall rodeo team points.
- 19. Each chapter must furnish team numbers, to be placed securely on the back of each contestant. The rodeo team numbers are as follows:
  - 1. Big Sandy
  - 2. Corrigan-Camden
  - 3. Goodrich
  - 4. Leggett
  - 5. Livingston
  - 6. Polk County 4-H
  - 7. Onalaska

# **RODEO**

## (continued)

- 20. Rodeo Events: (in this order)
  - a. Steer riding protective helmet, vest, and mouth piece are required
  - b. Straight Away Barrels
  - c. Chute Dogging mouth piece is required
  - d. Steer Saddling two teams per heat / 2:00 minute time limit per heat, mouth piece is required
  - e. Cloverleaf barrels
  - f. Breakaway Roping
  - g. Goat Scramble Open to public ages 12 and under
  - h. Chute dogging mouth piece is required
  - i. Pole Bending
  - j. Goat Ribbon Pulling
  - k. Steer riding protective helmet, vest, and mouth piece are required
- 21. Goat Scramble will be broken by age: A. 6 and under
  - B. 7 9
  - C. 10 -12

## **QUEENS CONTEST**

This contest is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity-Neches Livestock Show and Rodeo.

- 1.) Contest is open to <u>anyone</u> that is a bonafide Polk County 4-H club Member and/or FFA members.
- 2.) Deadline for the contest entry is Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Packets can be picked up at your FFA or 4-H Advisors office or by contacting Agrilife Extension office at 936-327-6828.
- 3.) Sponsorship of \$150 is required to compete in contest and is to be turned in by January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with packet. Sponsorship can be a business, family members, or multiple individuals.
- 4.) Sweethearts will be elected using the following percentages: 20% Presentation, 40% Horsemanship, 40% Interview.
- 5.) Selection of Judges for the Interview and Pattern will be at the sole discretion of the Chairman.
- 6.) Judges will be qualified adults unknown to the candidates or public and the scores will be averaged.
- 7.) Each Contestants must have a horse to use by their first practice and must have access to the horse at all times. If borrowing a horse, the contestant must be able to get the horse to practice. Horses will be validated at your first practice. The horse you practice on is the horse you will compete on. If the horse is incapacitated a Veterinarian document is required.
- 8.) Only mares and geldings will be allowed as mounts for Sweetheart contest.
- 9.) Contestants are required to attend 1 of 2 scheduled Practices. Those will be set and announced in the Sweetheart packet.
- 10.) Two separate patterns will be judged. The practiced pattern and a Horsemanship pattern will be posted for the contestants on the day of the Horse Show prior to the start of the Horse Show.
- 11.) Sweethearts will be ineligible to compete if they are winners from previous Trinity Neches contest within the same organization.
- 12.) Each contestant is responsible for making a poster for themselves to display at the show. The poster will not be judged only added bonus points will be presented.
- 13.) Contestants that assist the TNLS show in passing out ribbons during contests, ride in the grand entry, and assist in the concession stand will have added bonus points.
- 14.) Prizes will be given for Sweetheart, Runner-Up, People's Choice, and participation.
- 15.) Contestants may compete in the rodeo following the conclusion of the Sweetheart contest
- 16.) Boots with heels, hat, long sleeve White western shirt, and Black jeans or slacks are required when participating in Horsemanship and Interview. Chaps are optional.

- 17.) The contestant who is crowned as TNLS Sweetheart must be present for the auction the Friday night after the contest to represent the show.
- 18.) Presentation of the awards will take place following the first event of the rodeo, where all contestants must be present and lined up on the West end of the arena by the roping boxes.
- 19.) In the case of a tie, the run-off consists of the total score of Horsemanship then Interview, and last Presentation.

## **No Limits Livestock Show**

This is a livestock show for individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

Children from around Polk County with disabilities who want to have the opportunity to show an animal are eligible to participate.

- 1. Participants will be able to borrow a lamb or goat to show. If participants do not want to show a lamb or goat they need to provide their own animal or arrange with the show chairman one week prior to the event.
- 2. Please fill out a registration form and email the completed form.
- 3. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please fill out a form and send via email.
- 4. If participants have a volunteer they are comfortable with or know please add that to their registration form.

# **TNLS AUCTION SALE**

# Rules & Regulations

Event Chairman – Ronnie Vincent / Assistant Chairman – Tommy Overstreet

**Sale procedure:** The Grand Champion of each division will be sold for the highest price of all animals in that division. The Reserve Champion through 15<sup>th</sup> place can bring within one penny of the Grand Champion.

- 1. There will be a 7% commission on all sale animals.
- 2. There will be a MANDATORY meeting at the pig barn at 8:00 a.m. on Friday to go over rules and procedures for the auction sale, AND a Friday clean up (after the conclusion of the sale) for all students who participated in the auction sale.
- 3. A \$50.00 fine will be assessed for any exhibitors who are not present, or do not have a representative present, at the 8:00 am meeting!
- 4. All exhibitors who sell animals in the Sale are required to return Friday at the conclusion of the sale and help clean up. A \$200.00 fine will be assessed for any students who are not present, or do not have a representative present. Students are responsible for signing in and out at clean up.
- 5. The auction sale committee will be in full charge of the sale. The committee is appointed by the livestock show board of directors.
- 6. All poultry or livestock sold in the sale must have met the standards set up by show rules.
- 7. All animals that make the auction sale must remain on grounds until after the completion of the auction sale on Friday, April 3, 2026. All alternates must remain on grounds until they have been notified that they have made the auction sale (this should be by 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2026).
- 8. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to sell one exhibit per division.
- 9. All exhibitors must be present to sell their own animals. Extenuating circumstances must be presented to the Fair Board prior to the start of TNLS Auction Sale.
- 10. All animals will be sold by the head.
- 11. The following animals will be sold in these quantities, determined by number shown:
  - a. Market Swine Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - b. Meat Pen Rabbits. Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - c. Commercial Heifers Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - d. Market Lambs Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - e. Broilers Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - f. Market Steers Not less than 15 head or 30%
  - g. Meat Goats Not less than 15 head or 30%
- 12. Champions and Reserve Champions will be sold first before other entries.
- 13. The judge will determine the sale order in each division.
- 14. The exhibitor is responsible for getting their animal to the sale facility and checked in between 10:30a.m. & 11:30a.m. Exhibitor sale order number will be picked up at the 8:00 am Sale meeting on Friday.

- 15. All exhibitors must be on time when their animal is called for or the animal will be sifted from the sale or moved to the last slot.
- 16. All exhibitors are responsible for their animal until their buyer takes possession.
- 17. Before checks will be issued for any market animal, Thank You notes must be turned in to the FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents. Thank You notes must be completed for ALL buyers, and must be in an UNSEALED, addressed and stamped envelope. All FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents will turn in a verification list to the TNLS Chairman by the deadline given to show that all Thank You notes were turned in for all buyers from each exhibitor. FFA Advisors/County Extension Agents will mail the Thank You notes after they have verified that all Thank You notes have been received prior to the exhibitor receiving their first Sale check from TNLS.
- 18. It is the buyer's responsibility to inform the sale committee what he/she wants to do with the animal, except for broilers and rabbits. Their options are:
  - a. Resale
  - b. Take home
  - c. Packing Plant
  - d. Donate to their choice of organization
- 19. All animals sold in auction sale become the property of buyer upon completion of bidding.
- 20. The buyer is expected to pay for the animal within thirty (30) days of sale.
- 21. Buyers will sign a contract.
- 22. 1099 forms will be sent to all exhibitors who are paid by the Trinity-Neches FFA & 4-H Livestock Show.
- 23. Any animal that is not withdrawn from the sale by exhibitor in the specified time must be sold. Once sale of an animal is announced by auctioneer, the sale is final, and the animal becomes the property of announced buyer.
- 24. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only 2 projects with the exception of an exhibitor placing with three or more Grand or Reserve Champions. All Grand and Reserve Champions sell. Exhibitors must tell TNLS officials which animals are going to be placed in the sale within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the Market Steer Show. An explanation of possible scenarios is as follows: 1) An exhibitor places with 3 or more animals that are not Grand or Reserve Champions. The exhibitor must pick the 2 that they want to be in the sale. The other animals are dropped from the sale, and the animals that placed below the dropped animals in their divisions are moved up into the sale. 2) An exhibitor has a Grand or Reserve Champion and two or more other animals that qualify for the sale. The exhibitor must sell the Grand or Reserve Champion, and may pick which one of the other animals they want to be in the sale. The other remaining animals are dropped from the sale, and the animals that placed below the dropped animals in their divisions are moved up into the sale. 3) An exhibitor has 2 Grand or Reserve Champions, and one or more lower placing animals. The exhibitor must sell the two Grand or Reserve Champions. All of the exhibitors other animals are dropped from the sale and the next lower placing animal in each division are bumped up into the sale. 4) An exhibitor has 3 or more Grand or Reserve Champions, and one or more lower placing animals that qualify for the sale. All of the Grand or Reserve Champions sell. The exhibitors other animals are dropped from the sale and the next lower placing animals in their division are moved into the sale.

25. ALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS MUST SALE IN THE AUCTION SALE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS!

# **TNLS IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Livestock Entries:**

Entries will be hand written on an entry form during their designated tag-in date and time. Forms must be COMPLETE before an animal can receive a TNLS tag. Tag-in dates for each species can be found below.

### **Tag in Dates:**

Steers, Commercial Heifers, Lambs & Goats: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ Fairgrounds @ 5:00-7:00pm

Swine: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December - December 11, 2025 5:00-7:00pm

Rabbits: Entry & Ear Tattoo Date:

March 5, 2026 @ Fairground @ 4:00-7:00pm

\*Breeding date is December 23, 2025\*

Broiler orders: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 5:00 – 7:00pm @ fairgrounds

\*Only market animals are required to be tagged in on the date and time shown above. Breeding animals do not have to be tagged in prior to show!\*

#### **Broiler Pick Up:**

TBD

### **Trinity-Neches Livestock Show & Rodeo**

March 28, 2026 – April 3, 2026 @ Fairgrounds

# **2025-2026 TNLS Board Members, Committee Chairmen and Volunteers**

Name	Position	Affiliation	<b>Committee</b>
Lawrence Oliver	President	PCYRA	Broilers, Production
			Poultry, Rodeo
Matt Anderson	Vice President	Polk County	Public Relations,
			Washer Tournament
			Breeding Shows
Amanda Reeves	Secretary	Big Sandy FFA	Breeding and
			Commercial Heifers
Denny Russ	Member	Corrigan-Camden	Pee Wee Show, No
		FFA	Limits Show
PT Mahoney	Member	Corrigan-Camden	Market and Breeding
		FFA	Goats, Market Lambs
Hannah Kelso	Member	Goodrich FFA	Pee Wee Show, No
			Limits Show
David Sheffield	Member	Leggett FFA	
Ed Buford	Member	Livingston FFA	Breeding Goat Show,
			BBQ Cook-Off
Ruby Lam	Member	Livingston FFA	Family and Consumer
			Sciences
Brittnee Hamilton	Member	Livingston FFA	Family and Consumer
			Sciences
JW Blackmon	Member	Livingston FFA	Market Steer Show,
			BBQ Cook-Off
Cheyenne Wilson	Member	Livingston FFA	Awards
Jacqueline Sveter	Member	Livingston FFA	Meat Pen and Breeding
			Rabbits
Peyton Woodrome	Member	Livingston FFA	Awards
Makenna Anderson	Member	Livingston FFA	Meat Pen and Breeding
			Rabbits
Jancie Ivy	Member	Onalaska FFA	Computer Specialist –
			TNLS Sale and Billing
Adam Graham	Member	Onalaska FFA	Ag Mechanics, Market
			and Breeding Swine
Jessica Graham	Member	Onalaska FFA	Computer Specialist –
			TNLS Sale and Billing
Jessica Mayhew	Member	Onalaska FFA	Awards, Computer
			Specialist – TNLS Sale
			and Billing
Alyssa Kimbrough	Treasurer	Polk County 4H	Queens Contest, Horse
			Show, TNLS Website

Jay Diehl	Member	Polk County 4H	Breeding and
		·	Commercial Heifers,
			Market Steers
Debbie Oliver	Member	PCYRA	Broilers and
			Production Poultry,
			Rodeo
Jerry Cassity	Member	Polk County	
Mark Dubose	Member	Polk County	
Tommy Overstreet	Member		
Ronnie Vincent	Member		TNLS Sale, Facilities
			Maintenance
Jake Ard	Member		
Stanley McCarty	Assistant Show		
	Superintendent		
Tommy Overstreet	Member		Broilers and
			Production Poultry,
			TNLS Sale, Facilities
			Maintenance
Justin Vincent	Member		Breeding Shows
Wade Overstreet	Member		Facilities Maintenance
Mike Ainsworth	Member		Check Out

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