

# Yorktown FFA Chapter Project Show

## Rules & Regulations

Show Date: February 3rd-4th

Sponsored by:

The Yorktown FFA

### Important Dates:

- **Monday, September 26:** Stockshow Rules meeting @ 6pm in Cafeteria
- **Saturday, November 12:** Yorktown Validation 8 am to 10 am @ Ag Barn
  - Yorktown registration **fee is \$15 per animal.**
- **Sunday, January 22:** MANDATORY stock show set up day. Starts at 1pm; should end around 4pm.
  - In order to show your animal, exhibitors must attend the mandatory setup
  - If you are unable to attend the clean-up, you need to notify Ms. Flint or Mr. Flores within 48 hours.

### Show Schedule February 3-4 2023

#### Friday, February 3, 2023

8:00- 12:00 Animal Check-in

12:00-1:00 PM lunch

1:00 PM Ag. Mechanics Judging

Elementary Walkthrough TBD

\*Animals will be housed overnight. The Barn will be closed at 9 PM for everyone **except** for AG teachers, exhibitors, and the exhibitors' families.

\*Night Security will be there to ensure animals are safe.

\*Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times

#### Saturday, February 4, 2023

6:00 AM Barn Opens

9:00 AM Livestock Show Begins in the following order:

1. Goats
2. Sheep

3. Pigs
4. Cattle

\*Showmanship: please read rule #11 for more information

\*Animals will not be released until the end of the market show. The animal you choose to go through the auction needs to remain on the showgrounds until the auction is done.

\*All animals must be removed from the showgrounds by 9 PM.

**At the conclusion of the livestock show, there will be a break for lunch before the auction at 1 PM.**

### **The herdsman award:**

Judging for the herdsman will start on Friday, February 3rd at 9 am and stop at 2 Pm. Judging for this award will resume on Saturday, February 4th, and will be from 8 am to 12 PM. The winner of the herdsman award will be announced before the start of the auction at 1 pm.

### **Auction**

12 PM Buyer Registration

1 PM Auction

### **Sunday, February 5, 2023**

#### **1 PM MANDATORY Clean-up**

- In order to receive your check, exhibitors must come to the Mandatory cleanup
- If you are unable to attend the clean-up, you need to notify Ms. Flint or Mr. Flores within 48 hours.

### **Show Rules & Regulations:**

**This show reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters arising out of or connected with or incident to the show and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order.**

The Yorktown FFA Chapter Show is an invitational show for the youth of Yorktown ISD. As such, the exhibitor that chooses to participate in this show agrees to the following rules:

## Livestock:

1. Liability Rule – The Yorktown FFA Chapter Project Show, and Yorktown ISD will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, and/or damage that may occur at any point during the show or auction.
2. Exhibitors must be supervised by a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor and be enrolled at Yorktown ISD.
3. All exhibitors must meet UIL guidelines as determined by Yorktown ISD. Teachers will generate a list of ineligible students after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-week grading period. Any ineligible exhibitor and their project will not participate.
4. Animals must weigh between the minimum and maximum weights as described in the rules for each species. There will be a 5-pound tolerance at either end. If weight requirements are not met at weigh in the animal will be sifted. An official weighmaster will be appointed to call out the official weights of all animal species at official weigh-in. Once an animal crosses onto the scale it is an entry.
5. Validation rules and dates for hogs, lambs, goats and steers, and heifers will comply with the Yorktown validation guidelines.
6. Animals must have ear tags in place upon weigh-in.
  - If an ear tag breaks, falls out or is damaged it is the exhibitor's responsibility to **immediately** notify a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher so that it may be documented and replaced.
7. All entries will be assessed a **three percent (3%)** commission charge to cover expenses and used solely to benefit the show.
8. **Monies will not be given out at the show but will be given at a later date once "Thank You" cards have been submitted to a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher.** Checks must be cashed within 120 days from the date they are issued otherwise the money will be forfeited.
9. All judges' decisions will be final and may not be protested.
10. All protests on other matters must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protests must be submitted within 1 hour following the show; once the hour is up no protest can be submitted. There

will not be any protests accepted at the sale.

11. All livestock will be placed according to quality. Ribbons will be given for up to 6 placings. The Grand Champion will be selected from the first-place animals of each class; Reserve Champion animals will be selected from the remaining first-place animals plus the animal that stood second in the class from which the champion was selected. In order to be a Breed Champion, there must be competition. The Yorktown Agriculture Teachers, in accordance with the rules for their respective division, shall set classes and breeds for market animals.
12. Showmanship will be judged during each individual species livestock show. There will be a separate showmanship judge that will be responsible for judging the showmanship portion of the show. The exhibitor's neatness in appearance and dress will be taken into consideration. The exhibitor must own the animal and must have submitted and shown the entry in that division unless a substitution form has been submitted and approved to/by the Yorktown Agriculture Teachers.
13. Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be an immediate family member of the exhibitor, other 4-H/FFA members, or AST/CEA) to care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). Show Management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor along with his or her club/chapter.
14. No animal may be decorated with paint or any other item to alter its appearance in any way during the show or sale.
15. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited.
  - a. Any exhibitor found in violation of unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment, and suspension from any future participation in any Yorktown FFA Livestock sanctioned youth competition.
  - b. In the event an animal is declared unethical by the Yorktown Agriculture Teachers, that exhibitor may be permanently banned from any further participation in the Yorktown FFA Chapter Project Show. The exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, and sale premiums.
  - c. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural

appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.

**d. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:**

- i. application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, drenching, or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited
  1. use of injections
  2. draining of fluids
  3. bruising
  4. feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass
  5. surgical alterations
  6. artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections
  7. Alternative treatments include but are not limited to Acupuncture, Massage Therapy

16. **Drenching:** Drench guns may be allowed but only if they are going to be used in an ethical manner. Drenching will only be allowed in the stall/pen. Drenching will **NOT** be allowed in aisles, walkways, or wash racks. Any form of unethical drenchings such as stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
17. **Therapeutic Practices:** The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture, or electrical massage stimulation on show grounds is prohibited.
18. **Over Age Animals:** Over-age animals will be disqualified.
19. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
20. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
21. **Animal Inspection:** As a condition for participation in the Show, the exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitors agree to have such animals submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the

right to have tissue, blood, urine, hair, feather, and/or fecal laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.

22. Health certificates are not required. However, no animal may be exhibited or that is not healthy or is the carrier of any disease.
23. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to bring out the animal or animals when the class is called. No animal may be brought into the ring once judging has begun. No complaints or protests on the grounds that an entry was overlooked will be considered.
24. Exhibitors must show their own animals unless they have more than one animal in a class, in case of a family or medical emergency, or in other extenuating circumstances as approved by the Yorktown Agriculture Teacher. Substitute exhibitors must be eligible in accordance with **rules 2 and 3**. The animal's owner is to furnish the substitute showman's name and fill out a substitute showman form before judging begins.
25. No dogs will be allowed on the grounds during the show, with the exception of service animals per ADA compliance
26. No change in entries may be made after weigh-in.
27. Dress Code: All exhibitors will be required to wear long pants without any rips, tears, or frays at the bottom or ankle-length skirts and collared shirts with no midriffs of cleavage exposed, and closed-toed, closed-heel shoes must be worn during the show and all pictures.
  - a. **FFA jackets can be worn during the show but are not a requirement.**
28. No exhibitor can wear anything in the show ring that could be a hazard to themselves or the animal. (Excessive jewelry, etc.)
29. All rule change recommendations from the general public must be submitted in writing to the Yorktown Agriculture Teacher by October 11th, 2021.
30. All exhibitors must have completed the quality counts curriculum.

### **Judges:**

1. The Yorktown Agriculture Teachers will be responsible for providing judges for each show. Judges may judge multiple species/categories.
2. No judge can be related to any exhibitor in the animal species they are judging. Judges cannot have any animal representation in any species they are judging.
3. **VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ENTRY.**

### **Cattle**

1. **WEIGHT** - Minimum weight is 850 pounds, there is no maximum weight limit. Milk teeth need not be in place.

2. **CLASSES** – All animals will be weighed and broken into classes based on Weight.
3. Market Steer Show is a slick show and hair must be cut no longer than 1/4:” **No clipping of steers shall be allowed on the grounds on show day.** Any violation will result in the disqualification of that animal. A determination of violation shall be made by the Yorktown Ag Teachers.
4. No show-day grooming products that alter the appearance of the animal (paints,powders, artificial colors,etc.) shall be permitted.
5. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.
6. **No halters with spikes or cable halters may be used.**
7. Only 2 entries per exhibitor will be allowed per species. (Steers, Heifers, etc) Only market animals will sell.
8. The Yorktown Agriculture Teachers will be in charge of splitting classes as they see fit. If there are more than ten (10) heifers, classes will be split by division (American, British, Exotic) then birthdate. Under 10 heifers will be shown together.
9. Validation: Heifers must be currently validated with the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validations Program in the exhibitor's name. Steers must be validated either through Yorktown FFA or Majors Program in the exhibitor's name or as a family. Yorktown registration fee is **\$15 per animal.**

### **Swine**

1. **WEIGHT** - The minimum weight is 220 pounds and the maximum weight is 280 pounds with a 5-pound tolerance at either end. Hogs will be divided into three equal weight classes, however, if a class has more than 10 hogs, they will be divided into four weight classes.
2. **CLASSES** - Either barrows or gilts may be shown in the market show. Hogs will be divided into classes by weight. Only 2 entries per exhibitor will be allowed per species.
3. No show-day grooming products that alter the appearance of the animal (paints,powders, artificial colors,etc.) shall be permitted.
4. A hog with fresh ear notches may not be shown. Any infraction of Rules, that exhibitor’s animal will be disqualified.
5. **Clipping is preferred but not required.**
6. **No clipping of swine will be permitted at or during the show.**
  - a. \*If you do not have the ability to clip swine at home, you must sign up for one of the clipping dates and times with a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher\*
7. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.

### **Sheep**

1. **WEIGHT** - Minimum weight is 90 pounds. There will be a 5-pound tolerance at either end at weigh in.
2. Both wether (castrated male) and ewe (female <1-year-old) lambs may be shown.

3. All lambs will be separated into classes based on weight. Only 2 entries per exhibitor will be allowed per species.
4. All lambs must be slick sheared to the skin above the knee and hock joints, with no more than ¼ inch wool in length before arrival on the grounds.
5. No show-day grooming products that alter the appearance of the animal (paints,powders, artificial colors,etc.) shall be permitted.
6. **No clipping will be permitted at or during the show.**
  - a. \*If you do not have the ability to clip your lamb at home, you must sign up for one of the clipping dates and times with a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher\*
7. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.

### Goat

1. Must be a wether goat (castrated billy) or doe (female) goat. Only 2 entries per exhibitor will be allowed per species.
2. Must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds with no maximum weight limit. There will be a 5-pound tolerance at either end at weigh in.
3. Market goats must be body-clipped (slick sheared) with no more than 1/2-inch hair before going to show grounds.
4. No show-day grooming products that alter the appearance of the animal (paints,powders, artificial colors,etc.) shall be permitted.
5. **No clipping of goats will be permitted at or during the show.**
  - a. \*If you do not have the ability to clip your goat at home, you must sign up for one of the clipping dates and times with a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher\*
6. Goats must be shown in collars or halters (including chains). No chains or collars with spikes may be used.
7. Classes will be broken by weight, with no more than 10 goats per class. Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt on all goats before showing in the ring.
8. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.

### Agricultural Mechanics Show

1. An **entry fee of \$10** is required for each project. Entries are due to a Yorktown Agriculture Teacher by the last day of school before the Christmas break in December.
2. There will be no refunds for entry fees after the last day of entry.
3. Entries are limited to FFA members in good standing enrolled in Yorktown ISD.
4. Projects exhibited must be constructed by FFA members that attend Yorktown ISD as part of their agriculture mechanics instruction in an Agriculture Science Class or under the supervision of the Ag. Mechanics Instructor.
5. Each exhibitor may enter no more than (1) individually constructed project per



Division.

6. Team projects are allowed; a maximum of (4) members per team. If a team member is ineligible, the member will be removed from that team.
7. A project may be entered only one time at the Yorktown FFA Chapter Project Show and must be constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
8. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be in clean and presentable condition, even though they may have been used. No professional paint jobs.
9. An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction, and a bill of materials are **required** for each project.
10. No tractors, trucks, or other vehicles will be allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display.
11. An appropriate and safe display stand must be provided by the exhibitor for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points; such as found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc. are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury.
- 12. Entries must be in place by 12 PM on move-in day**
13. All projects are to be identified with standard exhibitor's cards. Additional signs, banners, etc. are encouraged but are subject to approval by the Yorktown Agriculture Teachers.
14. Every precaution will be taken to protect projects. However, the Yorktown FFA Chapter Project Show and Yorktown ISD are not liable for loss of or damage to projects.
15. Divisions will be combining both team and individual projects.
16. Documentation: An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction, and a bill of materials are required with each project.
17. Working Drawing - This should include a working drawing of the project with dimensions shown on the drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct the project. Maybe hand-drawn, CAD, or pre-engineered plan.
  - a. Bill of Materials: Must include a list or a description of the material, including quantity, size, and cost. Other Information such as date of purchase, vendor's name and/or Purchase Order Number, etc. may be included.
  - b. Photographs - Showing work in progress should depict proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in the order of constructing the project. Any project not having documentation will be disqualified. Any project not having all three documents will be placed down a ribbon.
18. All Items must be properly displayed in a three-ring notebook. **No Poster Boards!**
19. Projects will be placed within each division. Blue ribbon winners in the division will be eligible for the overall Grand Champion.
  - a. Judging Standards:
    - Workmanship and Variety of Skills Performed 30%

Design and Structural Balance 30%  
Degree of Difficulty 20%  
Plans, with measurements, photos, bill of materials 10%  
Ability to answer judges' questions 10%

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100%

- b. Project Ribbons will go as follows:
- i. Blue: 100-90
  - ii. Red: 89-80
  - iii. White: 79-70
20. Exhibitors may begin the removal of projects immediately following the announcement of the Ag Mechanics awards.

### **Divisions of Shop Projects**

**The top two from each division will compete for the overall grand champion and reserve grand champion of the show.**

1. Division I - Metal
2. Division II - Wood Work

## Livestock Show Rules Acknowledgement Form 2022-2023

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I attended the Yorktown FFA Chapter Stock Show Rules meeting conducted by \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Flint and Mr. Flores \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ September 26 ,2022 \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am stating that I have read and understand, Yorktown FFA Chapter's Livestock Show Rules and will abide by these policies. By signing this form, I also understand that it is my responsibility to be familiar with the livestock show rules and have a clear understanding of them. I understand that if I do not abide by the Yorktown FFA Chapters Stockshow rules, then the Yorktown FFA advisors Ms. Flint and Mr. Flores will take necessary disciplinary measures.

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Student

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Signature of Student

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Print Name of Guardian

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Signature of Guardian

**Please sign and return back to Ms. Flint or Mr. Flores**