

FLATONIA FFA & 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

2021 FLATONIA FFA & 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL BE JANUARY 14TH, 15TH, & 16TH.

This set of rules for the Flatonia & 4-H livestock show will go into effect June 1, 2020. This set of rules will apply to the 2021 show and all following Flatonia FFA & 4-H livestock shows and will replace all other sets of rules, and will stay in effect until the advisory committee for the Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show deems necessary to change any or all rules.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The show will be supervised by a show advisory committee composed of the following active honorary members of the Flatonia FFA Chapter:

Mrs. Wiley Boehnke, Ronnie Beck, Lillie Branecky, Dr. Clint Kainer, Kenneth Cerny, Frankie Tupa, Richard (Ricky) Kainer, Chris Masek, Charlie & Mary Bartos, J.D. & Irene Bartek, Bonaventure & Sharon Vrana, Edward & Laurie Branecky, Ron Beck, Todd & Marcia Mica, Dean Stavinoha, Chris & Melanie Mica, Larry Baumbach, Wiley Boehnke, Larry Branecky, Trace & Jodie Siptak, Rodney Stryk, Beverly Mikulenka, Jenn Brown.

Other active members of the show advisory committee will consist of honorary members of the Flatonia FFA Chapter as they are selected.

The following individuals will serve as ex-officio members of the show advisory committee:

Lavo Brisco, Dominic Mazoch, Dr. Maurice Wilkerson, Robert Etlinger, Danny Janecka, Ronald Beeman, Dr. Ira Syler, George Koudelka, L.G. Garbade, Jr., Hugo Wehmeyer, Jr., Don Mica, Bryan Berger, Hank Novak, Richard Steinhauser, Gene Oeding, and Hack & Wanda McDaniel.

2. The Flatonia High School agriculture science teachers, the Fayette County Extension Agent(s) and the local Flatonia 4-H adult leader(s) will serve as advisors to the show advisory committee.

3. The executive committee to be reviewed yearly chaired by Chris L. Masek.

4. In the event of a controversy regarding the show rules, the Chair of the Advisory Committee has the authority to designate an odd number of committee members to make a ruling.

5. Any bonafide Flatonia FFA Chapter or Flatonia 4-H club member who is enrolled in the Flatonia public school system is eligible to show in the Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show, as long as they have satisfied all of the requirements set forth in this set of rules and any additional rules that may be set forth by their youth organization (FFA, 4-H, etc.)

6. Exhibitors who are FFA members should notify their agriculture science teacher and 4-H club members should notify their local adult leader and their county agent of their intent to show before the beginning of the feeding period.

7. All exhibitors are limited to three (3) entries in the livestock show with no more than two entries of the same species.

8. An exhibitor may sell no more than one (1) premium.

9. The Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show, Flatonia ISD, Flatonia 4-H Club, Flatonia FFA Chapter, or representative of the before mentioned, and volunteers will not be responsible in any way for damages or injuries to Livestock of exhibitors on the way to and from the show, or during the show. Exhibitors leaving entries at the stock show after the conclusion of the premium sale will be leaving animals at their own risk. Security will not be provided. Doors will be locked at 10 pm Saturday following the sale and will not reopen until 1 pm Sunday.

10. All livestock entries will be judged on blue and red ribbon classification based on the quality of the animal, by the judge's decision.

11. All entries in the show must be properly weighed-in and in their places by 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14. Steers, hogs and lambs will start weighing in at 1:30 p.m. **In divisions that must meet minimum and maximum weight requirements (i.e. steers, hogs, lambs, and rabbits) animals will be weighed in one time only! Steers, hogs and Lambs there will be a 2 pound tolerance. Rabbits there will be a 2 ounce tolerance. There will be no reweighs. Animals that do not meet weight requirements on the first weighing will not be able to show.** Entries that have been weighed in are not to leave the show. Any entries that have not been properly weighed in as of 5:30 p.m. will not be eligible for the show. Animals not qualifying for the show may be removed from the grounds.

Any animal deemed to present a health risk to other animals present will not be eligible to show and will be removed from the grounds, at the discretion of the show committee.

12. It will be each exhibitor's responsibility to see that his or her animal is delivered to the show and sale. Each exhibitor is also responsible for their own feeding and watering equipment. **All animals will be bedded on sand. No other bedding may be placed over the sand unless approved by the committee, except carpet may be used.**

13. Blue and red ribbon premiums will be sold in the sale (the premium buyer will not get possession of the animal). Under no circumstance will an exhibitor be allowed to sell more than one premium. In the event that an exhibitor has more than one champion, grand or reserve; the exhibitor must advise the sales committee which champion they wish to sell. When grand or reserve champion is dropped from the sale no entries will be moved up in the sale order. In the event that a grand champion is dropped from the sale order, the previous three (3) year average of that grand champion premium will be used to set the maximum percentages for that category of animal in the sale.

14. If the exhibitor has more than one entry in the show, the exhibitor will have **one hour** after the conclusion of the show to advise the bookkeeping committee which entry he or she wishes to have in the premium sale. In the event that the exhibitor does not advise the bookkeeping committee of which premium they wish to sell, the committee will place the highest placing premium in the sale order.

15. The amount of the premium money each entry is allowed to sell for is as follows:

PLACING	<u>STEERS</u>	<u>LAMBS</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>BROILERS</u>	<u>RABBITS</u>
GRAND CHAMPION MAXIMUM	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
RESERVE CHAMPION	80%	65%	65%	65%	65%
BLUE RIBBON	55%	45%	45%	45%	45%
RED RIBBON	40%	35%	35%	35%	35%

No premium money will be added to the grand champions after they are sold.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to contact, either by letter or personal contact, possible premium buyers for their projects. This should be done well in advance of the show and sale.

Each exhibitor will be charged a 3% commission on their total premium. This amount will be deducted from their premium check. Commissions will be used to help cover the show expenses, buyer's appreciation gifts, and show improvements.

Donated items will not be charged a 3% commission.

16. In order for an exhibitor to be eligible to compete for showmanship award, he or she must be showing his or her own animal. In order for an exhibitor to be eligible to compete for the rookie showmanship award, he or she must be showing that specie of animal for the first time.

17. Exhibitors are required to do their own day to day chores connected with feeding, grooming, fitting, and showing throughout the feeding period and must feed, care for and exhibit animals entered without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period except from county extension agent or agriculture teacher, parents, legal guardians, or other members of the Flatonia FFA Chapter or the Flatonia 4-H Club. The use of "hired labor" and/or professionals for the feeding, grooming, and fitting of animals is strictly prohibited. Only immediate family can assist with feeding and prepping of animals at show time.

No one, other than show security will be allowed on the show grounds between the following times: 10:00 P.M. Thursday night of the show thru 6:30 A.M Friday and 10:00 P.M. Friday night thru 6:30 A.M Saturday. Only exhibitor's family, or the Fayette County Extension Agent or Flatonia Agriculture Science Teacher, or local Adult 4-H Leader, members of the Flatonia FFA Chapter or the Flatonia 4-H Club will be allowed in the stalls and pens or working with the animals at any time during the judging or premium sale.

18. All animals exhibited in this show must bear the show's official mark or identifying ear tag. All broiler entries must carry the official wing band of the show. Birds that lose a band for any reason will not be eligible for the show.

19. All male animals, other than rabbits, must be clamped or castrated by the official tag-in date.

Official tag-in dates for the show are as follows:

Sign up for a time slot Steers---- State validation at Fayette Co. Vet -- June 29, 2020 or
7:30-8:30 A.M Steers---- at Flatonia Vet clinic -- June 30, 2020
4:00-6:00 P.M Lambs----second Monday of September at FISS Ag. Dept. – Sept. 14, 2020
4:00-6:00 P.M Hogs-----second Monday of October at FISS Ag. Dept. – Oct. 12, 2020
6:00 P.M Broilers----orders due to FISS Ag. Dept. – Oct. 12, 2020
4:00-6:00 P.M Rabbits-----Monday December 14, 2020 at FISS Ag. Dept.

Entry fee will be \$15.00 per entry/pen and will be due at tag-in. Entry will not be accepted without entry fee. Entry cards are due within 7 days of tag-in. After 7 days, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed.

20. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations, and procedures of the Flatonia FFA and 4-H Livestock Show.

21. The decision of the judges will be final. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error, or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the advisory committee may make a decision regarding final placement, from whose decision there will be no appeal.

22. The use of drugs or other substances, not approved by the FDA or the USDA for use in market animals is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors and their parents are strongly urged to read the label(s) on all medications and feeds, and strictly follow all withdrawal requirements.

All animals may be drug tested.

As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit their animal to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the show, and agree to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designed and requested by the veterinarian. The show specifically reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal.

23. If any exhibitor or his representative interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to them in any way, the show will withhold from such exhibitor any premium money that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable by the advisory committee.

24. Exhibitors are reminded that they are to be on their best behavior during the entire length of the show and premium auction. The Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show is a school-sponsored activity, and any exhibitor who is found to be in violation in regards to conduct, according to school policy, will be disqualified, and is not allowed to show or sell a premium.

25. Exhibitors must turn in a satisfactory, completed, **set of records on their projects in order to receive their premium check. Exhibitor record books are due April 1st or the Monday after if the 1st falls on a weekend.**

26. FFA & 4-H members must meet Flatonia I.S.D. eligibility requirements. Members eligible to participate in other extra-curricular activities are eligible to participate in the livestock show, as long as they have satisfied the requirements of their 4-H club and/or FFA chapter. **In the event that the student/member is not eligible, the entry is also ineligible.**

27. A show photographer will be on hand the day of the show and at the premium sale. All exhibitors selling an entry in the premium sale are required to have their picture taken by the show photographer and purchase pictures for their premium buyers & donors. Pictures will be no smaller than 5x7. Exhibitors may purchase 8x10 sizes if they desire. **Picture Forms are due within 10 days of the stock show sale. Exhibitors not turning in picture order forms on time will be penalized \$50. In the event that an exhibitor is penalized \$50; this will be deducted from their premium check.**

28. Each family with children participating in the Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show must return the entry card indicating that they have received, read, and understand the rules of the Flatonia & 4-H Livestock Show, and they agree to abide by all rules. Entry cards are due within 7 days of tag-in. The animal will not be eligible to show if entry cards are not turned in the day prior to check-in. Entry cards may be turned into the local 4-H leader or the agriculture science teacher.

29. All members, either 4-H or FFA, participating in the show are expected to be at the show location, at the designated time and date to assist in set-ups before the show and clean up after the show. Exhibitors must sign in and stay for the duration of set-ups and clean up until final roll call.

- Set up: Sunday, January 10, 2021 @ 1 pm
- Auction ring set up: Friday, January 15, 2021 @ 1:30 pm
- Clean up: Sunday, January 17, 2021 @ 1 pm

If an exhibitor is unable to attend they will need to provide a substitute, with a letter in advance notifying the advisors why they are absent and who is working for them. Members not participating in stock show set-ups and clean-up will be penalized \$100.00 for each event. In the event that an exhibitor is late they will be penalized \$25 for each event. In the event that an exhibitor is penalized; this will be deducted from their premium check.

30. All exhibitors participating in the premium sale are required to write thank you notes to their buyers. **These thank you notes must be hand written.** Thank you notes must be turned in to the appropriate adult leader in an unsealed, addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you notes deemed unacceptable will be returned for corrections and/or revisions. **All thank you notes are due on or before February 1st. Exhibitors not turning in thank you notes on time will be penalized \$100.00. In the event that an exhibitor is penalized \$100.00; this will be deducted from their premium check.**

31. An excused absence from the show and/or premium auction shall be limited to UIL sponsored events, 4-H & FFA events, illness and or family emergencies. Each excused absence requested shall be accompanied by a letter from the parents stating the purpose of inability to participate in the show and/or premium auction. The exhibitor is responsible for finding any Flatonia 4-H or FFA member eligible to show in the Flatonia Junior Livestock Show to show and/or sell their premium. These requests must be acknowledged and accepted by the Executive Committee. Any animal shown by an ineligible exhibitor will make the animal ineligible.

32. During the premium auction, all exhibitors or legitimate substitute are responsible for moving his or her animal from the pen to the sale ring. **Exhibitor or legitimate substitute that is not present in the proper sale order will NOT sell their premium. No animals or tack will be loaded out during the premium action.**

33. Premiums will need to be paid in full by May 1st; if not unpaid premiums will be deducted from exhibitors check.

34. Checks will not be cut before April 1st, **pending premium collection and record book completion.**

35. Buyers gifts will only be awarded to buyers who spend \$100 or more.

36. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, tubing or any other method per esophagus is prohibited.

37. If a Livestock Project dies while on the show grounds, the committee has the right to have the project examined by the local veterinarian if they so choose. The committee will also determine if the student will sell in the premium auction.

Market Steer Division

1. Only steer calves fed dry lot can be shown. No nurse cows allowed after Tag-in.
2. No steer may be replaced after the tag-in date for any reason.
3. To be eligible to show, steers must weigh at **least 900 pounds.** Steers will be weighed one time. There will be no re-weighs.
4. Any steer that cannot be properly controlled by the exhibitor acting alone will not be allowed to show.
5. Tranquilizers are not permitted. Such medications are not approved by the FDA for use in cattle, and the presence of such medication in the tissue of the carcass could result in the condemnation of the carcass.
6. **All market steers will be slick shorn above the hoof. Hair may be no more than ¼” long on any part of the body, with the exception of the tail switch. Hair length will be checked prior to weigh-in at the show. Hair on any part of the body, other than the switch, that is found to be longer than ¼” must be removed before the steer will be officially checked-in.**
7. **Steers will be tagged in at state validation or the next morning at Flatonia Vet Clinic.**
8. Steers must be on feed and in the possession of the exhibitor by tag-in and throughout the entire feeding period.

Market Lamb Division

1. There is no maximum weight for market lambs at the official tag-in.
2. Lambs must be on feed and in the possession of the exhibitor by tag-in and throughout the entire feeding period.
3. To be eligible to show, lambs must weigh at **least 90 pounds and not more than 160 pounds**. Lambs will be weighed one time. There will be no re-weighs.
4. There will be an official lamb tag-in on the second Monday in September, at the FISD Agriculture Dept.
5. At the time of show, lambs will be divided into weight division classes. The number of classes and the weights will be determined after all lambs have weighed-in.
6. All lambs must be slick shorn prior to the show.
7. No lamb may be replaced for any reason after the official tag-in date.
8. Exhibitors are to wash their lambs before they get to the show. There are no washing facilities at the show.
9. Lambs must have scrapies tag at tag-in and at the show.

Market Swine Division

1. Barrows or gilts may be shown.
2. There will be an official tag-in for market swine on the second Monday of October at the FISD Agriculture Dept.
3. Market Swine must be on feed and in the possession of the exhibitor on or before the official tag-in and throughout the entire feeding period.
4. Market swine must weigh in **at least 220 pounds and not more than 270 pounds** to be eligible to show. Entries will be weighed in one time only. There will be no re-weighs. Swine not meeting weight requirements on the first weighing will not be eligible for the show.
5. Upon weigh-in at the show, market swine will be divided into weight classes. The number of classes and the weight breaks for the classes will be determined after all swine entries have weighed in.
6. No market swine entries may be replaced for any reason after the official tag-in
7. Water only may be used as a hair dressing for swine entries. No paint, powder, oil, paste, or other products may be used, WATER only for show! or entry will be disqualified.

Market Broiler Division

1. Exhibitors may enter and exhibit up to two pens of three (3) broilers.
2. Exhibitors must order twenty-five (25) birds for each pen they intend to enter. No more than 25 birds may be ordered per intended entry. Exhibitors intending to enter more than one pen of broilers must designate which 25 birds are for entry "A" and which 25 birds are for entry "B". This designation must be made when broiler chicks are distributed to the exhibitors and wing band numbers are recorded.
3. All broiler chicks will come out of the same days hatch from the same hatchery. All broiler chicks will be wing-banded. No broiler chicks will be replaced after the starting date of feeding period.
4. Each exhibitor should be at his pen at time of judging. Each exhibitor will need at least one Flatonia 4-H member or Flatonia FFA chapter member to help hold the pen of birds.
5. Chick orders will be made through the Agriculture Science teacher and the chicks will need to be picked up at the agriculture building at Flatonia High School the same day they arrive from the hatchery.
6. When broilers are distributed to exhibitors; wing band numbers will be recorded. Broiler exhibitors and/or a parent must verify wing band numbers at the time broiler chicks are distributed. Exhibitors will be furnished a copy of their list of broiler wing band numbers when they pick up their broiler chicks.
7. Exhibitor's broiler entry(s) at the show must be made up of broilers whose band numbers were issued to that specific exhibitor for that specific pen entry.
8. Broilers that lose their wind bands for any reason will not be eligible to show.
9. Exhibitors must bring their own feed and water containers and be responsible for the care of their animals. Any exhibitor failing to feed and water their animals will be asked to leave the show.
10. The pen of broilers must weigh a minimum of 6 pounds or the entry will be disqualified.
11. Broilers must be on feed and in the possession of the exhibitor from date of delivery and throughout the entire feeding period.
12. There will be a committee checking the birds at time of check-in - alternate birds must be with the entry at check-in. If alternates are needed, a maximum of two birds will be allowed and they should be in order of preference and placed under exhibitor's pen.
13. Any broilers dying during judging will be judged as is.

Meat Pen Rabbit Division

1. Each exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) pens.
2. **Not less than four (4) or more than ten (10) rabbits may be validated as possible entries for the show. Only three (3) of these validated rabbits will be used for the pen. Exhibitors planning to enter two (2) pens of rabbits must designate which rabbits are being validated for which entry at time of validation.**
3. For the show, a pen shall consist of 3 rabbits, either sex, approximately 70 days old.
4. Rabbits must all be of the same breed, and should be of a standard commercial breed (I.E. New Zealand, Californian, Palomino, Satin, ETC.) Meat pen does not have to come from the same litter.
5. **Each rabbit must weigh no less than 3 pounds but not over 5 ½ pounds at show check-in. There will be no re-weighs on rabbit entries. One weigh only.**
6. Exhibitors may own and have possession of does at the time the litter is kindled or they may purchase bunnies from a breeder.
7. Rabbits will be validated with a tattoo in the left ear. The series of numbers will be chosen by the validator. The show will do the validation on a designated date at the FISSD Agriculture Dept. These numbers will be kept on file and must match at date of final weigh-in.
8. Rabbits must be on feed and in the possession of the exhibitor by tattoo date and throughout the entire feeding period.
9. Upon arrival at the show and before coop assignments are made, each individual rabbit will be closely examined by the sifter. No animals will be placed in pens until they are sifted. **Any rabbit that is found not to be in excellent condition will be sifted and removed from the show immediately. A sifted rabbit may be replaced by a validated rabbit from the same pen.** All sifted entries will be removed from the show by the exhibitor at the time the sifting is done.

Disqualifications may include but not limited to:

a. Malocclusion – lower teeth over lap top teeth

b. Simple malocclusion – teeth matching/butting

c. Ear canker or ear mites

d. Missing toenails – including dew claws

e. Sore hocks

f. Nasal mucus

g. Cysts or tumors

h. Pneumonia

i. Broken tail – must have complete straight tail

j. Abscess

10. Exhibitors must bring their own feed and water containers and be responsible for the care of their animals. Any exhibitor failing to feed and water their animals will be asked to leave the show.
11. Rabbits may be prejudged prior to entering the area, but final placement will be made in the show area.

I am verifying that I have read the “Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show Rules and Regulations” and understand the **consequences of** and **penalties** involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in the Flatonia FFA & 4-H Livestock Show.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



Flatonia Livestock Show

JANUARY 14, 15, & 16 2021

**CARL SMITH PAVILION
FISD CAMPUS**

**THURSDAY , JANUARY 14th
ANIMAL CHECK IN UNTIL--- 5:30 P.M.
Steers, hogs and lambs will start weighing in at 1:30 p.m.
Rabbit sifting will begin @ 4:30pm
BROILER SHOW--- 6:00 P.M.
RABBIT SHOW FOLLOWING BROILERS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th
BEGIN JUDGING HOGS, LAMBS, STEERS-8:30 A.M.**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & PREMIUM SALE-6:00 P.M.**