

2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent: Shaun Tidwell (915) 479-2986

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Ground Superintendent: Andy Spence (915) 497 -3261

All entries must be entered and paid for online by September 16, 2026.

Late entries will be accepted with a \$25 penalty. A Signature on the online entry receipt from the Ag Science Teacher (AST) or County Extension Agent (CEA) signifies that the Exhibitor(s) has owned and cared for the animal(s) during the required ownership period. This is to be turned in along with Certificate of Veterinary Inspection at check in.

Entry Cost:

Beef Steer \$25

Beef Heifer \$25

Market Lamb \$25

Market Hogs \$25

Poultry \$15

Rabbits \$15

Dairy Heifers \$25

Industrial Arts \$20

Consumer Science \$5

Public Speaking \$10

Farm Business Management \$25

General Rules:

1. Exhibitors: Each exhibitor must be an active, bona fide member in good standing with an FFA or 4-H Club in El Paso, Culberson, Dona Ana, Hudspeth or Otero County. If an exhibitor has shown in any market division they will not be allowed to show in the Pee Wee divisions. Pee Wee showman will not be allowed to show in market animal classes.
2. Livestock ownership: Market animals must be validated with the state or county validation tag from the state or county in which the exhibitor resides. Each livestock exhibit MUST have been continually cared for and owned by the exhibitor for a period of time prescribed by the corresponding state validation rules. State Validation rules apply to (meat) breeding goats, and breeding poultry must be under ownership of youth exhibitors by June 25, 2026. Ownership papers (registration, transfer of ownership, bill of sale, etc.) for the breeding heifers, breeding goats, breeding rabbits, and breeding poultry may be requested by show officials. Pedigree rabbits must be under ownership of the exhibitor by July 15, 2026. Market poultry (turkeys, geese, and ducks with the exception of broilers) must be owned by the youth by July 15th. Broilers must be in possession for at least 45 days. Proof of ownership may be requested by show officials. The exhibitor needs to be under the supervision of either an Ag Science Teacher (AST), 4-H Leader or County Extension Agent (CEA).
3. Registration papers must be made out in the name of the exhibitor.
4. Arrival of Animals: All livestock will be accepted on to the grounds during the time periods listed in the current show schedule. (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required along with your signed online entry receipt – please make a copy for the Show Secretary)

5. Health Certificates: Exhibitors will present the Original Health Certificates (CVI – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) upon entering the fairgrounds. No animals will be admitted or unloaded without such papers. See “Sanitary Regulation” The copy will be filed with the Livestock Show Secretary.
6. Altering the physical appearance of any animal is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
7. All exhibitors are responsible for their own animals. Anyone caught leaving the animal uncared for will have a \$100.00 a day charge from the El Paso County Fair.
8. Classifying and Sifting: Exhibitors are responsible for proper classification and/or weighing of animals. Each respective Division Superintendent or Livestock Show Superintendent will determine the eligibility of all animals for show purposes before judging begins. Any animal, in the judgment of the respective superintendent, that does not have sufficient merit to entitle them to exhibit, or which are in any other way objectionable, will be sifted. The decision of the Division Superintendent and the Executive Fair Board will be final.
9. Diseases: Sick animals will be rejected. Any diseased animal will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately and all prize money and entry fees will be forfeited to the El Paso County Fair.
10. Judging: In all cases the decision of the Judge will be final. Judging will not start until all animals that are to be judged are in the show ring or do not respond after the third call.
11. Showing: All animals must be shown by their owner in the judging area. Permission for a substitute exhibitor for a valid reason must be obtained from the Division Superintendent. Substitute exhibitors must be registered exhibitors in the current show.
12. Placing: The show reserves the right for the Judge to place any single entry in any position of place they deem fitting and proper.
13. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Drive: Judging will not start until the proper animals are in the show ring or do not respond after the third call.
14. Showmanship: Showmanship classes will be divided in the following manner. Junior Showmanship ages 8 – 13. Senior Showmanship ages 14-18. Showmanship classes will begin following the Grand Champion Selection in each division.
15. Sale rules – Sale is a Premium Sale. All grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions must go to the sale. Maximum of 2 sale slots per exhibitor. Pulling up is not allowed.
16. Solicitation of Buyers for sale animals and for Add-Ons during the sale is strictly prohibited. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will have their project removed from the sale.