

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



**2011-2012
RULE BOOK**

*Commission-Free Youth
Project Sale*

April 12-16, 2012
Limestone Co. Show

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2011-2012 Board of Directors

To be determined at General Meeting June 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

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Division Superintendents

SWINE

RABBITS

POULTRY

GOATS / LAMBS

BEEF CATTLE

HORSES

SCRAMBLE

BBQ COOKOFF

8 & UNDER

AG MECHANICS

Division Superintendents will be determined at the General Meeting. An insert will be available at a later date.
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The Limestone County Fair Association would like to thank the County Agents, Agricultural Science Teachers and anyone else who has helped make this show a success.

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW 2011-2012

**** indicates new/revised rule**

GENERAL RULES

1. ****Each family represented in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show is required to pay a \$10.00 yearly family membership fee or \$100.00 lifetime membership.** This is your contribution to help create and improve our show activities.
2. The Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show reserves to its Board of Directors the final right to interpret these rules and questions and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of or connect with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven and no more than 15 members from the county.
3. **Any false representation, interference, unethical conduct or violation of any of the following rules will result in a forfeit of all privileges and premiums and be barred from showing in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. Reinstatement of this privilege shall come by the decision of the Board of Directors. The use of drugs, stimulants, or alcohol will be banned from use on the show grounds.**
4. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Limestone County Fair Association, its officers or agents by or on behalf of any persons exhibiting at the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. The Limestone County Fair Association shall not be held responsible for any injury or damage to property or persons attending or exhibiting at the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.
5. ****ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE A 4-H OR FFA MEMBER.** Exhibitors who are 8 years old and under (as of 09/01/11) are eligible to show and will be supervised by a designated Superintendent. ALL exhibitors must permanently reside in Limestone County and/or be enrolled in a Limestone County school, grades K-12. 4-H & FFA membership must be achieved by 11/01/11. **Members must be in good standing by attending at least 4 meetings or sanctioned events in their enrolled chapter, prior to the 2011 Fair. Verification will be by official sign-in sheet.**
6. All exhibitors must own and exhibit their animal. Substitution of showmen are allowed only for exhibitors having 2 or more animals in the same class or with a notarized doctor's excuse. The Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show will enforce no pass-no play rule during the show. If the student is eligible to show, he will be eligible to sell. It is the responsibility of the schools or Agricultural Science Teachers to check grades. There will be no substitutions of showmen for failing students. Substitutions are also permitted with excused school functions or UIL events, with Board approval.
7. Exhibitors may validate as many projects as they desire to own and care for, but may only show 2 animals per division. (Refer to General Rule #14).

8. Exhibitors will fill out an application on each animal. The Fair Association will handle all applications for the show from all exhibitors on all animals. Entry fees collected must be turned into the Fair Association by an Extension Agent or Ag. Science Teacher. All exhibitors' entry information must be verified by an Agriculture Science Teacher, Extension Agent, parent or guardian. Entry fee and final entry date will be the current dates as set by the Fair Association. (See dates at end of rules). No entry will be accepted unless it is accompanied by the entry fee, signed by a teacher or agent **and** parent or guardian and **completely filled out**.
9. Market and breeding animals can be validated by family name instead of individual exhibitor's name. All eligible exhibitors in the family must be listed on the entry card at time of validation; **however, the exhibitor must declare the animals they will show by 03/26/12.**
10. All projects must be owned, in the possession of the exhibitor and fed by the exhibitor during the feeding period. No other individual will care for the animal during the feeding period.
11. **No entry fees will be refunded.**
12. Any and all protests must be made in writing to the Superintendent within one (1) hour of incident and a deposit of \$100.00 (cash) must be made which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
13. Exhibitors must furnish feed, care for and keep animals in a presentable condition while on the show grounds.
14. Divisions of the Fair will be as follows:
 - A. Beef Cattle
 1. Market Steers
 2. Pen of 2
 3. Registered Heifers
 4. Scramble Heifers
 - B. Swine
 1. Market Swine
 2. Breeding Swine
 - C. Sheep
 1. Market Lambs
 2. Breeding Sheep
 - D. Goats
 1. Market Goats
 2. Breeding Goats
 - E. Rabbits
 1. Market Rabbits
 2. Breeding Rabbits
 - F. Market Broilers
 - G. Market Turkeys
 - H. Horses
 - I. Family & Consumer Sciences
 - J. Ag Mechanics

15. A “**class**” is defined as one of two or more groupings derived from a division as the division is broken down into smaller more manageable or judgeable units. A class will be formed into units based on factors such as: number of projects, weight, age, etc. Classes will be broken by the Fair Board.
16. Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded at the time of showing. Prize money will be awarded following the show.
17. Superintendents of each division will have full and complete charge of all livestock in their respective division. Each Superintendent will be responsible for their division at validation and show including help, arrangements, setup, and delivery of animals in their divisions.
18. The Superintendent, and at least 2 designated assistants, will be present in the ring during the show. **NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL** will be allowed to enter the ring once the exhibitor steps through the show gate. Disqualification of the exhibitor will be at the discretion of the board.
19. Any animal standing in a class by itself will be moved to the closest class fitting its qualifications at the discretion of the show officials.
20. If less than 3 entries per class, no higher than 2nd place money will be given.
21. Animals must be trained to lead and or show. Proof of demonstration will be required at check-in/weigh-in by the exhibitor (i.e., demonstration of showmanship), with the exception of the Pen of 2. See General Rule #14. **UNRULY ANIMALS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE SHOW GROUNDS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.** Disqualified animals must also be removed from the show grounds.
22. There will be no breeding of livestock on the show grounds.
23. When grooming all livestock, no foreign color shall be added to the hair coat. **NO PROFESSIONAL FITTERS!** An animal will be disqualified from the show if it is being trimmed, fitted or dressed by anyone other than exhibitors, County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teachers, parent/guardian or other 4-H adult leaders from Limestone County.
24. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CLIPPED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON SHOW GROUNDS. CORDLESS CLIPPERS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR CLEANUP ONLY.
25. All animals must meet requirements concerning health as set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission.
26. All livestock shall be in place by the time designated by the rules under the appropriate division. If said livestock is not in its appropriate place, it and its owner will be disqualified.

27. All students who are planning to exhibit livestock in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show will notify the Agricultural teachers or County Agent upon receiving their project.
28. All exhibitors are requested to dress appropriately for the show. The dress of the exhibitor will affect showmanship.
29. If an exhibitor shows two animals in the same class, the person showing the second animal must be an eligible exhibitor. If entered under the family rule, then another eligible exhibitor in the family must show that animal.
30. All market animals will be weighed one time only during weigh-in. If the Superintendent or exhibitor has a question regarding the weight, the animal can be taken off the scale, scale can be re-balanced, and animal **re-weighed immediately**.
31. If bedding is used on the grounds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove bedding after the show. Failure to remove bedding from the assigned stall will cause a \$25.00 cleanup bill to be charged. Pens will be assigned and \$25.00 will be deducted from the sale proceeds. Each Livestock Superintendent will inspect their pens after the show.
32. There will be a Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goat and/or Breeding Rabbit Show **ONLY** if there is a minimum of 5 entries.
33. Projects will be washed in designated washing areas **ONLY**.

2011-2012 VALIDATION DATES AND ENTRY FEES
(ENTRY DATES ARE DEADLINES THAT WILL BE OBSERVED)

Livestock Animals	\$20/Horses, All Others \$10.00/Animal
Market Turkeys (ordered by Superintendent).....	Upon Pick-up
Pen of 2 (Must Bring-8:00am-10:00am).....	08/06/11
Market Steers (Must Bring – 8:00am – 10:00am)	10/22/11
Market Lambs (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am)	01/07/12
Breeding Lambs (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am)	01/07/12
Market Goats (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am).....	01/07/12
Breeding Goats (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am).....	01/07/12
Market Swine (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am).....	01/07/12
Breeding Swine (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am).....	01/07/12
Breeding Heifers (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am)	01/07/12
Horses (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am)	03/24/12
Market Broilers (Ordered by Superintendent).....	Upon Pick-up
Market & Breeding Rabbits (Must Bring – 8:00am – 11:00am).....	03/24/12
Ag Mechanics (by card & entry)	03/24/12
DECLARATION OF PROJECTS	03/26/12

- If an exhibitor purchases a project, it is the responsibility of that exhibitor or guardian to find out the deadline date for validation. Regular validation fees will be charged for animals validated on or before the deadline dates. Advisors, such as the County Extension Agent, located in the basement of the County Courthouse, or the Vocational Agriculture Teachers at most High Schools in the County, will provide this information.
- The LCFA will attempt to publicize the dates as they approach, but the LCFA has no way of knowing who has purchased a project; therefore, it will be impossible for the LCFA to contact every person involved.
- A two-week grace period will follow each validation date. During that two week period, any animal not validated may be validated. If you validate during that two-week grace period, the late validation fee will be \$50.00 per animal.
- **If you do not have the animal validated by the end of the two-week grace period, the animal will not be allowed to show in the fair. There will be no exceptions.**

SALE RULES

1. Only 2 items can be sold by an individual, each being of different divisions.
2. The project and animal classes eligible for the sale are: Steers, Market Goats, Market Sheep, Market Hogs, Market Turkeys, Broilers, Market Rabbits and some high placing Family & Consumer Science projects. Of these, only the following will be given a floor price: Steers, Market Goats, Market Sheep and Market Hogs.
3. **Special Sale for Pen of 2 will be held at a later date.**
4. **Once the buyer of the floor has been designated, LCFA will no longer be responsible for the animal.**
5. All sale items' pictures (one copy) and plaque will be paid for by the exhibitor, at a cost not to exceed \$20.00, and will be deducted from check. This picture and plaque will be given to the buyer. Any additional pictures will be paid for by the exhibitor and paid in advance of ordering.
6. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of two animal projects in any one year, but they must be from two different animal species.
7. **No commission** fee will be placed on sale items. It is possible that a commission may be imposed for the special Pen of 2 Sale, depending on location.
8. If a person has two animals of the same species to qualify for the sale, he or she must sell the higher placing of the two and there will be no substitution.
9. Additional rules may be stated prior to the sale by the announcer concerning the terms of the sale.

10. The student will place the animal in designated pen after the animal is sold. Do not remove any sold animals from the show grounds unless instructed by the Superintendent.
11. If you have an animal you wish to floor that did not make the sale, you must obtain a "Floor Form" from the Fair office, prior to the sale.
12. If you have a project or animal that does not fall under the above two categories, you must remove that project from the Show Barn Area by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2012, with approval from the Superintendent.
13. ****Thank you notes will be written to project buyers, put in a stamped envelope and turned in to the Extension Office or Ag Science teacher before check will be distributed.** If check is not picked up within 90 days, the check will be voided and money placed in the Scholarship Fund.
14. The Limestone County Fair Youth Project Sale will be determined by the Fair Board before start of show. Sale order will be determined by class placing beginning with the highest placing animal. Sale numbers will be posted before the show after check-in.
15. All Grand and Reserve Champion **animal projects** must sell. (Sale Rule #5 will take precedence if an exhibitor has more than 2 champions).
16. Projects in the sale or being floored will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Unclaimed projects will be floored and the money will be placed in the LCFA Scholarship Fund.
17. ****Once an animal has been sold in the Youth Project Sale, it is ineligible for entry into any future LCFA Youth Livestock Show.**

SHOWMANSHIP

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete for these awards. A judge will select the top junior and senior show person during the show in each of the following:
 - A. Beef Cattle (Market, Registered, & Scramble)
 - B. Swine (Market & Breeding)
 - C. Sheep (Market & Breeding)
 - D. Goats (Market & Breeding)
 - E. Horses
2. Classes will be divided into two age groups: Juniors 13 and under (on day of check-in); Seniors, 14 and over.
3. Students competing in this contest must have entered in show, must own the animal and **must have declared the animal** being shown for showmanship.
4. All exhibitors are requested to dress appropriately for the show. Dress of the exhibitor will affect showmanship.

MARKET STEERS

1. A 3 man committee will be appointed by the Limestone County Fair Association to oversee the steer show.
2. All steers will be validated on 10/22/11, preceding the show in that current school year.
3. Steers cannot weigh less than 500 pounds with no grace on the day of validation.
4. The gain contest starts the day of validation.
5. Steers will be weighed only once the day of validation (See General Rule #30).
6. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds, with a 5 pound grace, upon weigh-in at the show.
7. All steers will be tagged with an ear tag on the day of validation.
8. Each exhibitor may validate as many steers as wanted, but may only show two steers and sell only the top placing steer, if both make the sale. Fees will be charged at validation per animal.
9. Steers will be divided into weight classes as determined by the steer committee and each class will not exceed 10 head per class.
10. Steers must be dehorned.
11. Animals that are sifted or disqualified must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
12. No change of the major color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed.
13. Any grooming material that allows color to come off will not be allowed.
14. All steers shall be clipped to have no more than 1/4 (one fourth) inch of hair on any part of its body upon arrival to the show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. Steers will be checked at the time of weigh-in for conformity of the quarter inch of hair or less. All steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from competition and removed from the grounds.

REGISTERED HEIFERS

1. Registered heifers will be divided into two divisions, Exotic or British and American, according to the amount of entries entered into the show. The Registered Heifer Committee will divide the divisions.
2. Animals will be divided into classes by age according to major show rules. Heifers must be born 09/01/09 and after.
3. All exhibitors must meet all requirements as set forth in the general rules of the show.
4. Registered heifers will be validated on 01/07/12.
5. Registered heifers must show breed registration papers at validation.
6. Registered heifers must **show proof of bangs vaccination at time of validation.**
7. Battery-operated clipping of heifers on the show grounds will be allowed for clean-up only.
8. All registered heifers must be dehorned at time of show.
8. The Fair Board will consider paying premiums on the registered heifers, depending on number of entries per class.
10. Heifers must be shown in natural state.
11. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

PEN OF 2 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Getting Started

- Initial Validation on 08/06/2011
- Exhibitor can validate a minimum of 2 heifers or a maximum of 5 heifers.
- ~~Heifers must be palpated OPEN at initial validation or by no more than 30 days prior to validation by vet certificate.~~
- 2nd Paper Validation approximately 30 days prior to show. Exhibitors will turn in certified OPEN certificate, Bangs test, and tooth/age verification.
***Vet has final say.

General Rules:

- Don't have to be bred*
1. Heifers must be a **beef type breed**.
 2. Heifers must be less than **30 months old at show**.
 3. Heifers must be vaccinated with Bangs, Lepto, Vibrio, IBR, 7 Way Black Leg. Vet verification must be present in record book or **DQ** at validation.
 4. NO CALVES on the ground at time of show.

Pen of 2 Commercial Heifer Show Rules:

1. ONLY head clipping 30 days prior to show.
2. Each heifer must be polled or dehorned by **initial validation**.
3. Judging will consist of 2-3 person AREA Cattleman committees.

Exam:

- Study Packet of materials will be provided at initial validation, along with a suggested record book template and requirements.
- Exam will be 50 multiple choice questions based over the study packet.

Record Book:

- Input Costs, Break Even Costs, Vet Records, Feed Records, Monthly (Aug-March) Detailed Expense Reports, Monthly Consumption Records
- Minimum of 10 pictures throughout feeding period, one of which must be the bull heifers are bred to. Also included, must be an initial photograph of heifer group and a final photograph of heifer group. All other pictures are at the exhibitors' discretion.
- Record Book must include a two page (max) essay of overall experiences gained during the project.
- Record Book must be in a 3-ring binder.

Interview

- Interview will consist of management questions of the heifers and general record book questions.
- Exhibitors will be interview on Thursday of the County Show.

Judging Percentages:

Cattle	50%
Exam	22%
Record Book	15%
Interview	25%
Total	100%

Sale of Heifers

- All Heifers eligible for show will be eligible for sale.
- Heifers will sale according to final rankings, starting with Grand, Reserve, 3rd, and so on through final placed heifers.
- Exhibitors are responsible to have heifers at the sale on time.
- **All exhibitors must be present at the sale or charged a \$100 fee per head.**
- Possible commission may be imposed for the Pen of 2 sale, depending on sale location.

SCRAMBLE HEIFERS

1. Scramble heifers are subject to the rules of the Registered Heifer Show.
2. The Calf Scramble Heifer Show will be held prior to the Registered Heifer Show.
3. The 2012 Scramble Heifer Show shall be limited to the 2011 Calf Scramble winners **only**.
4. Scramble heifers **must** be exhibited unless circumstances approved by the Scramble Committee make this impractical.
5. 4-H & FFA members catching a scramble calf must meet the requirement for and show under the organization in which they scrambled. The 4 meeting/event rule applies. (See General Rule #5).
6. Prizes will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners.

BREEDING SWINE

1. Breeding swine may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
2. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

MARKET SWINE

1. All market hogs must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated and ear-tagged on 01/07/12 preceding the show in the current school year.
2. Gilts may be shown in the market class.
3. Market hogs will be weighed prior to the show.
4. Swine will be divided into the following breed divisions: Yorkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Cross & Other Pure Breeds (OPB). Classes will then be set by weight. This will be done only with the weights on the day of the show.
5. All hogs shall be clipped to have no more than 1/2 (one-half) inch of hair on any part of its body upon arrival to the show grounds.
6. All market hogs must weigh 220-280 pounds (with a 5 pound grace) or they will be disqualified.

BREEDING EWES

1. Breeding ewes may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
2. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

MARKET LAMBS

1. Lambs must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated and ear-tagged on 01/07/12 preceding the show that current year.
2. Lambs will be weighed and divided into weight classes as determined by the superintendent.
3. All lambs must weigh at least 90 pounds (with a 5 pound grace) or they will be disqualified.
4. Ewe lambs may be shown as market lambs.
5. All lambs must be slick shorn from the hocks up upon arrival to the show grounds.
6. Lambs will be required to have all baby teeth at validation.

BREEDING GOATS

1. All breeding goats will be clean and groomed.
2. Breeding goats may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
3. Breeding goats cannot have more than 6 teeth at validation.
4. **Horns must be blunt (no pointed horns).**
5. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

MARKET GOATS

1. The Goat Show is open to any breed or crossbreed meat type goat.
2. Goats must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated and ear-tagged on 01/07/12 preceding the show that current year.
3. Only castrated males or unbred does will be allowed to show.
4. **All goats must be dehorned.**

5. Minimum weight of 65 pounds, maximum 130 pounds, with a 5 pound tolerance.
6. Goats will be divided into classes by weight. Number of classes will be determined by the superintendent.
7. Goats will be required to have all baby teeth at validation.
8. Goats must be slick shorn, except the tip of tail and below knees and hocks, upon arrival to the show grounds.

BREEDING RABBITS

1. Exhibitor must own and bring rabbit(s) on validation date.
2. Each exhibitor can validate only 3 rabbits.
3. RABBITS MUST HAVE CLEAN EARS.
4. The classes of rabbits are: 1) Breeding Bucks; 2) Breeding Does
5. Exhibitor must handle and show their own rabbits.
6. **NO BREEDING will be allowed.**
7. All breeding rabbits shall leave grounds at completion of Breeding Show.
8. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

MARKET RABBITS

1. Fryer rabbits must be six to twelve weeks of age at the time of show.
2. Fryers will be shown in pens of three with each pen being uniform in size and breed.
3. Exhibitors may show two (2) pens of fryers but sell only one.
4. RABBITS MUST HAVE CLEAN EARS.
5. Rabbit projects must be owned by the exhibitor and validated on 03/24/12 preceding the show that current year.
6. Rabbits must be brought to validation where they will be tattooed. Entry cards and fees are due at this time.
7. Fryer rabbits shall weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and not more than 5 pounds the day of the show when weighed in.
8. **Pens must be set before coming to official weigh-in.**

MARKET TURKEYS

1. Turkeys must be from a certified pullorium-free hatchery and will come from the same hatch.
2. All participants are eligible to enter hens **only**.
3. Turkeys will be validated upon pick-up. Purchase money, entry cards and entry fees are due at this time.
4. Turkeys will be from 5 to 6 months old at time of show.
5. Verification of entry will be received by the poultry superintendent at the time of delivery.
6. **TURKEYS MUST BE CLEAN AT TIME OF SHOW.**
7. Must order a minimum of four head for each person.

MARKET BROILERS

1. Broilers must be from a certified pullorium-free hatchery.
2. Broilers will come from the same hatch and will be wing-banded. Broilers will be ordered by the Superintendent.
3. Each exhibitor must order at least 20 chicks. Exhibitor's name will be turned in to the Superintendent.
4. Broilers will be validated upon pick-up. Purchase money, entry cards and entry fees are due at this time.
5. Broilers will be from eight to ten weeks old at time of show.
6. Broilers will be shown in pens of three **AND MUST BE CLEAN AT TIME OF THE SHOW.** A total of 2 pens may be shown by the exhibitor.
7. Broilers will be divided into 2 divisions: Pullets & Cockerels.
8. Broilers shall weigh a minimum of 5 pounds day of the show when weighed in.
9. First and Second place pens from both divisions are eligible for Grand & Reserve placing.

CALF SCRAMBLE

Application Rules:

1. The Limestone County Fair Association will not be responsible for any accidents connected with this scramble. All contestants must have a signed *Waiver, Release and Indemnification Form* on file in the Fair Office.
2. Any boy or girl who has reached his or her 12th birthday by or on September 1, 2011, and has not exceeded his or her Junior Year in High School, may participate in the 2012 Limestone County Fair Calf Scramble. The participant must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds, or he/she will be deemed ineligible for competition.
3. *Calf Scramble Application & Minor Release Form* must be completely filled out and properly signed by parents, scrambler and County Extension Agent (CEA) or FFA Advisor. Applications can be found in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show 2012 Rule Book or from the CEA or FFA Advisor. Deadline is 04/01/12.
4. Applicants may apply and participate in the Calf Scramble as many times as they wish; however, once you have caught and shown, or you have entered the 12th grade, you are no longer eligible.
5. Scramble Chairman will notify contestants by 04/08/12 if they will be scrambling at the 2012 Fair.

Arena Rules:

1. Contestants will meet in the Fair Office at the Fair Grounds 1 hour prior to the start of the Scramble.
2. Contestant will take into the arena a rope halter furnished by the Fair. This halter cannot be used as a lariat. It must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way.
3. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the released calves. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf across the finish line.
4. At no time will the contestant be permitted to tie the rope to their body or belt.
5. If a contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
6. If contestant halters calf and it breaks loose, only the contestant who haltered the calf may re-catch it by using the halter/lead rope. Other contestants must catch the calf without using the halter/lead rope on the calf. Contestant must take off halter and put their halter on in order to proceed to the finish line.
7. If a contestant catches a calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head; otherwise, the referee will order them to let the calf go.

8. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.
9. A contestant who secures and properly halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
10. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referee. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
11. The Scramble will be refereed by a selected group of not less than three referees.
12. Any assistance in haltering the calf from outside the rodeo arena during the calf scramble will result in the participant being immediately disqualified from the program.
13. All decisions made in the arena will be final, unless overturned by unanimous agreement.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. A \$500.00 certificate will be issued to each of the successful contestants in the scramble.
2. Certificates must be used for the purchase of a registered heifer or a commercial heifer. Registered heifers may be purchased from ANY breeder. Commercial heifers may be purchased from cattlemen within LIMESTONE COUNTY. Heifer(s) will be the contestant's 4-H/FFA project in the 2012/2013 Limestone County Fair and Youth Livestock Show.
3. The entire program, including the selection of the kind of breed of livestock, the care and management, will be under the supervision of the CEA or Ag-Science Teacher.
4. The certificate must be signed by the breeder from whom the project is purchased before payment will be made.
5. Winner will need to provide adequate stalling and pasturing for the Heifer.
6. Winner will assume all cost involved in maintaining a healthy Heifer (i.e. feed, vaccinations).
7. Under no circumstances will a contestant catching a calf be allowed to sell, trade or dispose of the calf until after it has been shown at the 2012 Fair and is removed from the premises.
8. Winners will receive their Calf Scramble Packets after the close of the 2012 Fair (time and place to be determined). Packets will include: a letter stating who thank you notes are to be mailed to, instructions on how to use the certificate and reporting guidelines.
9. Winners will be required to maintain records on this heifer project and report monthly results to the certificate donor and Fair Association.

**2012 LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
CALF SCRAMBLE APPLICATION & MINOR RELEASE FORM**

**RELEASE FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO
YOUR CEA OR FFA ADVISOR BY APRIL 1, 2012**

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL _____ PHONE _____

CHECK ONE: _____ 4-H _____ FFA

PARENT'S NAME: _____

I _____ parent of _____

Do hereby consent and agree that it is permissible for our said minor child to compete in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Calf Scramble, and I (we), joined by our said minor child, do hereby consent and agree to hold said Limestone County Fair Association, referees, participants, sponsors, Scramble Committee and all persons individually or collectively, harmless from any liability for bodily injury or any other damage or injury sustained or suffered while said minor child is a participant in the scramble.

I (we) also agree that we have been given a copy of the official rules and regulations for the scramble. I (we) along with our child, agree to abide by all rules until the completion of the scramble.

Signature: _____
Applicant

Signature: _____
Parent or Guardian

Signature: _____
CEA or FFA Advisor

**Limestone County
Fair Queen, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Contest
H. O. Whitehurst**

April 4, 2012

2012 will be the 8th Annual Limestone County Fair Association Queen's Contest. Queen contestants shall be residents of Limestone County. Each contestant will be judged in five categories: personality, poise, appearance, beauty, and fair participation. The Queen will reign over the LCFA and be active in events within Limestone County. The purpose of the Limestone County Fair Queen Contest is to select young ladies who are most representative of the youth of Limestone County. Guidelines and Dates are subject to change.

The Limestone County Fair Queen will be awarded a \$1,000.00 college scholarship, the 1st Runner-up will be awarded a \$750.00 college scholarship, and the 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$500.00 college scholarship to the school she choose to attend.

Competition Categories:

- ***Fair Queen*** – Participants must be single and between the ages of 15 and 19 years old and be a student.
- ***Junior Miss*** – Participants must be single and between the ages of 10 and 14 years old and be a student.
- ***Little Miss*** – ***Participants*** must be single and between the ages of 5 and 9 years old and be a student.

Contest Rules: Contestants must meet the following criteria to compete.

All Contestants:

- Contestant must be a single girl living in Limestone County or enrolled in a Limestone County School and be academically qualified according to U.L.L. regulations.
- Prior year Junior Miss or Little Miss winners may continue to compete as long as they continue to meet the criteria for that category.
- Prior year Fair Queen winners may not compete again.

- **Each contestant must participate in the Limestone County Fair by having an entry in at least one division of the fair. (Livestock or Family & Consumer Science)**
- **Each contestant must be a member of 4-H or FFA by November 1, 2012.**
- **All contestants must attend the coronation. Contestants will be judged on ticket sales, appearance, poise, beauty and personality by a panel of judges and on their involvement in our fair.**
- **The Fair Queen contestants will be required to wear western attire for the coronation and will be asked a group of questions by the judges. Appropriate to their age category.**

Fair Queen:

1. **To qualify to participate in the Limestone County Fair Queen contest, each candidate must sell a minimum of \$500 in raffle tickets.**
2. **If a contestant is married and/or becomes married or pregnant during the time of her reign, she must relinquish her title and all that encompass. The 1st runner-up will then become eligible, and if for some reason the 1st runner-up declines, with committee approval, then the 2nd runner-up will be eligible.**
3. **All contestants must attend the coronation.**
4. **The Fair Queen and the 1st and 2nd Runner-up will each receive a token of appreciation.**
5. **The Fair Queen will receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00, the 1st runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$750.00 and the 2nd runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$500.00 to further their education. It will be received upon attendance at any institute of higher learning as a full-time student. (12 hours)**

6. **The Fair Queen will also receive a crown, a Limestone County Fair Livestock Show Belt Buckle, flowers, and sash. Alternates will receive flowers and a sash.**
7. **All queen contestants will be required to present a slide show at the coronation prior to completion of the competition. Length of the slide show will be determined later**
8. **The candidate awarded the title of Queen will be required to attend the events at the Fair to pass out ribbons, caps, and to take pictures. The Queen will also be required to participate in different parades throughout the year and will need to be at the next year's queen coronation to pass down the leather sash awarded to her.**

Junior Miss:

1. **To qualify to participate in the Limestone County Fair Queen contest, each candidate must sell a minimum of \$250.00 in raffle tickets.**
2. **All contestants must attend the coronation.**
3. **The winner of the Junior Miss category will receive a \$100.00 Savings Bond, crown, buckle, sash, and flowers.**
4. **All girls will receive a token of appreciation.**

Little Miss:

1. **To qualify to participate in the Limestone County Fair Queen contest, each candidate must sell a minimum of \$250.00 in raffle tickets.**
2. **All contestants must attend the coronation.**
3. **The winner of the Little Miss category will receive a \$50.00 Savings Bond, sash, and flowers.**

4. All girls will receive a token of appreciation.

Scoring Guidelines:

All judges are instructed to evaluate the capability of the contestants according to age. **All judges' decisions are final and will NOT be up for review by contestants, parents, or leaders.** All ties will be broken during a line up or remodeling. Scoring will be on a 1-10 basis.

**LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
POINT DIVISIONS**

(point systems are subject to change, candidates will be advised)

DINNER TICKETS

\$ 70 – 5 POINTS
\$140 - 10 POINTS
\$210 - 15 POINTS
\$280+ - 20 POINTS

QUEENS DIVISION ONLY

(POWER POINT PRESENTATION – REQUIRED)

POSSIBLE 20 POINTS

CREATIVITY - (1-10 PTS)

PRESENTATION – (1-10 PTS)

**LCFA FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES DIVISION
ELIGIBILITY, RULES & ENTRY FORM**

April 13, 2012

LCFA Family & Consumer Sciences Committee

Mona Beaman, Thornton
Karen Nesmith, Wortham

Marin Callahan, Groesbeck
Amy Jo Miller, Wortham
Colleen Longbotham, CEA-FCS, Advisor

I. Eligibility

The Family and Consumer Sciences Division of the LCFA is open to all residents of Limestone County and/or enrolled in Limestone County schools. **The student must be eligible according to UIL standards and a member of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA by November 1, 2011. (4-H members must have an ENROLLMENT CARD in the County Extension Office by Nov. 1, 2011.)**

II. Rules

1. Each entry must be entirely the work of the exhibitor. Failure to do your own work will mean disqualification.
2. Entry deadline is April 3, 2012.
3. Entry form with name, age, grade, address, parent signature, telephone number and **1 copy** of the recipe on a 3x5 index card, (if in food class), may be turned in or mailed to the **Texas AgriLife Extension Office, P. O. Box 191, Groesbeck, TX 76642 located on the ground floor of the Limestone County Courthouse.**
4. **1 copy** of the recipe on a 3x5 index card (WITHOUT PARTICIPANT'S NAME) must be attached to food item on day of show. **NO LOGOS ON RECIPE CARDS, SUCH AS 4-H, FFA, ETC.** Judges will disqualify entries without a recipe card.
5. Entry fees - \$3.00 for each food item and \$1.00 for all other items. Make checks payable to LCFA.
6. Each family represented in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show is required to pay a \$10.00 membership (See General Rule #1).
7. Only one entry per class, per exhibitor is allowed.
8. Plants entered in the Junior Horticulture division must be in good, CLEAN condition and free from disease and insects. Participants must own live plants by March 1, 2012.
9. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class if deemed worthy by the judges.
10. There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awarded in the following categories: Cakes, Cookies, Breads, Brownies & Bar Cookies and Candies. Only the Grand Champion will be auctioned. Arts & Crafts, Food Preservation and Sewing Divisions will receive ribbons only.
11. A student is allowed to sell only one Grand Champion food item.

12. A Grand Champion winner **must present the buyer with a freshly baked item.** IT CANNOT BE THE ITEM THAT WAS JUDGED IN THE SHOW.
13. All entries must be brought to the Fair grounds between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012.
14. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE JUDGING AREA WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**
15. All entries must be left on exhibit until noon on April 13, 2012.
16. If an exhibitor chooses, he/she may leave his/her baked item to be included in a bake sale (NOT a silent auction) until 2:30 p.m. The bake sale will be advertised to the general public. The LCFA **cannot** guarantee that all items placed in the bake sale will be sold. Exhibitors will receive profit from items being sold in the bake sale. Any food item left after 2:30 will be discarded.
17. If an exhibitor DOES NOT want to place his/her baked item in the bake sale, it MUST be picked up by NOON, or it will be placed in the bake sale and possibly discarded if not sold. (See rule #16 above)
18. All food entries must be on a disposable board or paper plate and wrapped securely with clear plastic wrap or displayed in a clear cake cover. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED COVERED IN FOIL.**
19. For food safety purposes, **NO** item requiring refrigeration will be accepted. This includes cheesecakes, custards, etc. Please do not bring butter or other toppings with baked items that require refrigeration.
20. Absolutely no animals allowed in the FCS Division judging area.

III. AGE DIVISIONS (age as of entry deadline, April 3, 2012)

Kid's Korner – ages 5-7 (Ribbons only, not eligible for auction).

Juniors – ages 8-11

Intermediate – ages 12-13

Seniors – age 14-18

Adult – 19+ (Ribbons only, not eligible for the auction).

IV. ENTRIES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

FOODS

CLASS 1 – CAKES

CLASS 2 – DECORATED CAKES

CLASS 3 – COOKIES

CLASS 4 – CANDIES

CLASS 6 – YEAST BREADS

CLASS 7 – CAKE MIX-PLUS CAKES

CLASS 8 – BROWNIES & BAR COOKIES

CLASS 9 – PIES

CLASS 5 – QUICK BREADS

FOOD PRESERVATION

CLASS 10 – CANNED FRUIT

CLASS 11 – CANNED VEGETABLES

CLASS 12 – JELLIES & JAMS

CLASS 13 – PRESERVES, BUTTER & MARMALADE

CLASS 14 – PICKLES

CLASS 15 – RELISHES

ARTS & CRAFTS

CLASS 16 – PAINTINGS (Oil, Acrylics, Watercolor, Paint-by-number)

CLASS 17 – DRAWINGS (Pencil, Charcoal, Ink, Pastels, Crayon)

CLASS 18 – PHOTOGRAPHY (Must be framed or mounted)

CLASS 19 – SCULPTURES

CLASS 20 – WOODWORK

CLASS 21 – NEEDLEWORK AND CROSS-STITCH

CLASS 22 – KNIT AND CROCHET

CLASS 23 – QUILTS

SEWING

CLASS 24 – CLOTHING, DRESSES, BLOUSES, PANTS, ETC.

CLASS 25 – DECORATIVE TEXTILES

CLASS 26 – HOME DECOR

***SEWING AND ARTS AND CRAFTS MUST HAVE
BEEN MADE SINCE APRIL 15, 2011***

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

CLASS 27 – POTTED FOLIAGE PLANTS

CLASS 28 – POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS

CLASS 29 – POTTED CACTI/SUCCULENTS

CLASS 30 – SILK FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

CLASS 31 – FRESH CUT FLOWER/PLANT ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS 32 – DRIED FLOWER/PLANT ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS 33 – COMPATIBLE (TWO OR MORE PLANTS PLANTED IN THE SAME
POT TO MAKE EACH OTHER MORE ATTRACTIVE)

***For more information, call the
Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254.729.5314.***

ENTRY FORM
DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 3, 2012

Turn in or mail entries to:

Texas AgriLife Extension Office
P. O. Box 191
Groesbeck, TX 76642
(Located on the ground floor of the Limestone County Courthouse)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Member of (check one): ☐ 4-H ☐ FFA ☐ FCCLA

Class Entered:

IF ENTRY IS A FOOD ITEM, SUBMIT 1 (ONE) RECIPE CARD WITH ENTRY FORM.

_____ Class 1	_____ Class 10	_____ Class 19	_____ Class 28
_____ Class 2	_____ Class 11	_____ Class 20	_____ Class 29
_____ Class 3	_____ Class 12	_____ Class 21	_____ Class 30
_____ Class 4	_____ Class 13	_____ Class 22	_____ Class 31
_____ Class 5	_____ Class 14	_____ Class 23	_____ Class 32
_____ Class 6	_____ Class 15	_____ Class 24	_____ Class 33
_____ Class 7	_____ Class 16	_____ Class 25	
_____ Class 8	_____ Class 17	_____ Class 26	
_____ Class 9	_____ Class 18	_____ Class 27	

***If a student DOES NOT want to place his/her baked item
in the bake sale, it MUST be picked up by NOON.***

Exhibitor's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Parent's Telephone # Home _____

Parent's Telephone # Work or Cell _____

