

2023-2024 Show Information

Superintendents

Travis Shannon- Show Superintendent

Bucky Lusty- Vice Superintendent

Stephanie Falkner- Cattle Superintendent

Mark Wise- Swine Superintendent

John Stewardson- Lamb & Goat Superintendent

Ashley Fleming - Poultry Superintendent

Judges

Cattle Judge- Chris Drews

Swine Judge- Chris Drews

Sheep/Goat-Joel Lanier

Advisors

Wayne Cox- San Saba FFA

Shawn Dennis- San Saba FFA

Kira Hobbs - Richland Springs FFA

- Cherokee FFA

Neal Alexander- San Saba County Extension Agent

General Rules

1. The 92nd Annual San Saba County Livestock Show will be held on January 4th -6th, 2024 at the County Livestock Show Barn.
2. Any 4-H or FFA member living in the city limits of town, can have a project at a central feeding area, provided they are penned separately. Exhibitors outside the city limits must care and provide for their projects at their home, unless the advisor, and/or show supervisor are notified in writing within 2 weeks of validation.
3. ***All students must be eligible under the No-Pass/No-Play for them or their animal to participate in the San Saba County Livestock Show in 2003 and thereafter.***
4. All exhibitors must show their own animals unless they have more than one entry in the class. Verbal substitution must be cleared 30 minutes prior to the showing of that species for the animal to be eligible. If the exhibitor is sick or injured, a written physician's statement must be presented to the Superintendent 30 minutes prior to the start of the showing of that species for the animal to be eligible. San Saba County Young Farmers has the right to deny or approve any & all substitutions.
5. All entries must be on entry cards obtained from the County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Science Teachers.
6. Entry Fees must accompany entry cards and are due no later than January 2nd, 2023. Entry Fees are as follows.

Entry Fees- DUE January 2nd, 2023

Steers and Heifers	\$15.00
Swine	\$15.00
Sheep and Goats	\$15.00
Poultry	\$15.00

7. All exhibitors must be bonafide members of either a San Saba County 4-H club or FFA Chapter and attending an accredited school unless previously approved by the Young Farmers in San Saba County.
8. The general superintendent will appoint a permanent weigher.
9. Exhibitors will be responsible for bringing their own shavings.
10. No heat lamps are allowed inside the barn.
11. All showmanship awards will be presented to the best beef, lamb, goat, and swine showman. No Poultry Showmanship will be awarded. **Exhibitors must show an animal that they entered in the show for that species in the showmanship classes. PeeWee Showman must show an animal entered in this show.** Awards will be divided into PeeWee, Junior and Senior age groups. Seniors will be 14 to 19 years of age. Juniors will be 8 to 13 years of age. PeeWee will be 5-7 years of age. PeeWee Showmen will be required a \$5 entry fee at time of showing. Age will be as of September 1st of previous year. Awards can be won more than once. Call back will be determined by the judge in the swine only. Showman may declare up in age group but cannot ever go back down once moved up across all species.
12. Only exhibitors and official committeemen will be allowed in the show ring.
13. No animals may leave the show barn or specified areas after weigh-in. Violations can result in disqualification of the exhibitor. **All animals must be in the barns at the scheduled times.**
Cattle no later than 12 PM, January 4th.
Pigs, Lambs and Goats 12PM- 3PM January 4th
Broilers @ 5PM January 4th.
14. No pouring water over animals will be allowed on the premises. (IE washing with a bucket of water or water hose) Spot cleaning with waterless spray products or spray soaps not requiring rinsing will be permitted.
15. Any violation of the rules may result in disqualification of the exhibitor from the County Livestock Show and any future shows.
16. Any livestock showing evidence of disease, injury, or considered an “unruly animal” will be removed from the show at the discretion of the superintendent of the division.
17. The Young Farmers will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur during the show.
18. If an animal is underweight/overweight the exhibitor has 10 minutes to re-weigh after first weight.
19. **Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up shavings from their pens Sunday, January 7 from 3-6pm.** You **MUST** notify the Livestock board of completion. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$150 per pen to be withheld from show check. In the event the exhibitor does not make the sale, fees will be collected prior to the next time of entry.
20. **NO DOGS allowed in the barn of any size.**

Validation Dates & Times

Steer & Heifer	June 23rd, 2023	7 am San Saba Animal Clinic
Lamb, Goat, Heifer	October 20th, 2023	San Saba - 1PM SS Feeding Facility Richland Springs - 8AM Feeding Facility
Swine	November 16th, 2023 November 17th, 2023	Richland Springs 8AM -RS Feeding Facility San Saba 8 AM - SS Feeding Facility Cherokee Afterschool - Cherokee Home for Children

Show Schedule

Thursday Jan. 4th	Friday Jan. 5th
12:00 PM - Cattle in Barn	9:00 am -Steer Show, followed by Heifer Show, then Cattle Showmanship
12:00-3:00 PM Pig, Lamb and Goat Move In	Pig Show will start 30 minutes after Cattle Show
3:00 PM - Cattle Classification and Weigh	Lamb Show will start 30 minutes after Pig Show
4:00 PM - Pig, Lamb and Goat Classification and Weigh	Goat Show will start 10 minutes after the Lamb Show
5:00 PM - Broiler Move In	
6:00 PM - Broiler Show (no showmanship)	

Lamb & Goats

1. The Young Farmers will tag all Lambs and Goats on October 20, 2023 (See table for times and place)
2. Animals will be tagged as family or individual names- must have all names. When entered, one must specify the individual animal for each exhibitor. Tentative classification and where they are penned will be listed also. Lambs/Goats must be validated on this day to show at the county show and/or major shows.

The Young Farmers committee may make a spot check of the above information during the feeding period.

3. All blankets and tubes must be removed for inspection prior to weighing.

Lambs

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed only 2 lambs in any one-breed division (sd, fw, fwx, mw, and dorper). If a lamb is classified out and the exhibitor already has two lambs in the division that it is placed in, the lamb is disqualified from showing.
2. Any lamb weighing less than 85lbs (Southdown and Dorper-75lbs) and over 180lbs will be sifted.
3. Exhibitors will assume the cost of the tags for the animals. Exhibitors' names must be on the list to show.
4. Lamb classes: Classes will be broken by weight instead of head count by a committee consisting of all Ag teachers and extension agent and Superintendents.
5. No corded clippers may be used on lambs after entering the show barn. Touch up must be done with cordless and/or hand clippers only.
6. No intact males shall be shown.
7. All lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival to show.

Breeds & Weights

Fine Wool (Rambouillet & Delaine)	85 -180 Lbs
Fine Wool Cross (Suffold, Corriedale, Panama, Hampshire)	85-180 Lbs
Southdown	75-180 Lbs
Dorper	75-180 Lbs
Medium Wool	85-180 Lbs

Goats

1. A person may exhibit no more than 3 meat goats, either doe or wether.
2. Minimum weight 60 lbs.-maximum weight 130 lbs.
3. Exhibitors will assume the cost of the tags for the animals. Exhibitor's name must be on the list in order to show.
4. Must be validated on the same day as the lambs.
5. Classes will be equally divided by weight with an attempt to have a maximum of 15 head per class by committee consisting of all Ag teachers and extension agent.
6. Goats must be slick shorn before arrival to the show. No blocking allowed.
7. May be purebred or crossbred.
8. Horns must be tipped or dehorned.
9. No corded clippers may be used on goats after entering the show barn. Touch-up with cordless and/or hand clippers only.

Swine

1. The young farmers will tag state and county hogs on November 16th-17th, 2022. (Please see table for times and places)
2. Animals will be tagged in family or individual names- must have all names. When entered, one must specify the individual animal for each exhibitor. Tentative classification and where they are penned will be listed also. Exhibitors will assume the cost of the tags for the animals. **The Young farmers committee may make a spot check of the above information during the feeding period.**
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed only 3 swine in the show. May be barrows or gilts. All will be shown together.
4. Hogs will be clipped at owner's discretion prior to the show.
5. Swine classes: Classes will be broken by weight instead of head count by a committee consisting of all Ag teachers, extension agent, and superintendents.
6. Hogs must weigh 160-290 lbs. (No Tolerance)
7. Swine will show in the order listed below.

Hampshire
Duroc
Yorkshire
OPB
Crossbred

Cattle

1. This will be a blow and go show. No adhesives will be allowed.
2. Heifers must be registered in the exhibitor's name; Heifers will be registered, and state validated.
3. Steers and heifers must be on feed in the home feedlot.
4. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show a maximum of 4 steers and 4 heifers in the show.
5. Maximum age limit for heifers will be 30 months as of January 31st.
6. All cattle must be checked in by noon Thursday.
7. Steer weights will be broken on logical weights.
8. All heifer exhibitors in breeding classes must present registration paper at check in/weigh in to be eligible to show.
9. Heifers 24 months and older must have a calf at side or show proof of veterinary certificate of being safe bred.
10. There will be a grand champion heifer selected.
11. The classifier will classify cattle at weigh in.
12. One trim chute per exhibitor.
13. Steers and heifers will be shown in the order listed below.
14. The minimum weight on steers is 900 lbs.

Steers	Heifers
American	American
British	British
Exotic	Exotic

Poultry

1. Broiler orders will be done from TAMU Poultry Science Department. They will have to be ordered by **October 20th, 2023** and will be picked up by one person the week before or after Thanksgiving depending on how the holiday falls.
2. Contact information for ordering:
Shelby Espinosa - Program Coordinator
Fertile Egg Orders and County Show Chick Orders
shelby.stueber@ag.tamu.edu
979-847-7343
3. Online Ordering must be done on this web page.
<https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/banded-broiler-chicks-27641>
4. All broiler orders for the 2024 show will be ordered at the same time from the same hatch and be a straight run (meaning that the chicks will consist of both cockerels and pullets). Broilers will be purchased in increments of 25. A minimum of 25 up to a maximum of 75 birds may be ordered per exhibitor or family unit. Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR exhibitors within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, OR if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an individual exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds. Please note: Families with multiple exhibitors are NOT required to place a single order for the entire family. Family orders are an option.
5. The person picking up the order is responsible for checking the bird's wing bands/numbers.
6. The Poultry Committee is NOT responsible for the condition of the birds once they leave from delivery.
7. Broiler exhibitors will be given 2 extra birds. There will be no exchanging of chicks.
8. A pen of broilers shall consist of three (3) birds. The pen may consist of hens and /or roosters. Exhibitors must select his/her best 3 birds to show PRIOR to check-in and sift.
9. No more than 2 extra birds may be used as reserve in case of injury to any of the THREE (3) Exhibiting prior to sift. DO NOT bring extra birds to the sifting ring.
10. There will NOT be a poultry showmanship contest.

Auction

1. Animals placing in the top 75% of each class will qualify for the sale.
2. If an exhibitor does not qualify for the sale with any species shown, they may elect to have 1 sale slot at the end of the auction as a non-qualifier participant.
3. Exhibitors must notify the Division Superintendent of the animals that they wish to sell within 30 minutes after the completion of the general show or the exhibitors lowest sale lot numbers will be assigned.
3. The General Superintendent and the sale committee will make the sale order. Animals must be sold in that order.
4. Exhibitors must be on hand to sell his animals.
5. If not on hand, he will forfeit his sale position and will sale at the end of the sale. **No Show, No Sale!**
6. Young Farmers will collect money from the buyers. **Exhibitors will receive the checks for their animal (s) after all the money has been collected from the buyers and all Thank you cards from exhibitors have been turned in.** This will be a “premium sale” by the head.
7. Young Farmers will not be responsible for trucking any animals.
8. Add-ons will be until January 20, 2024 and must be paid in full at the receipt of the add-on form.
9. Animals will be sold according to their placing. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion... etc.

*****3% commission will be held out of each sale lot to be put into the facilities maintenance fund.**

Protest

1. All protests must be in writing, signed, and accompanied by a \$250.00 cash deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint, or appeal, and must be delivered to the General Superintendent.
2. The General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and all committee superintendents will serve as the governing body on all protests.
3. The decision of the classifier or the committee will be final.

Young Farmers Scholarships

All senior students participating in the SSYF Livestock Show are encouraged to apply for scholarship awards. Each year the SSYF awards scholarship money to a qualifying student. Scholarship applications are due to SSYF by May 1st, 2024. Please contact a Young Farmer Board Member or your livestock advisor for more information. A Universal Application (general scholarship application form) may be used.