

JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR
VALIDATION DATES and ENTRY FEES
Updated: April 2020

PLEASE NOTE:

All Jim Wells County Fair animal projects must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.

All livestock entries and memberships are due to the fair office on the 2nd Wednesday of September 2020, by 5:00 p.m. The County Extension Agent or FFA Advisors must sign entry cards BEFORE they are turned into the fair office. All paper work must be completed before it is turned into the fair office.

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION – (STEWER RABBITS) Born after 4th Friday of February and before 4th Monday of April. Weigh a minimum of 2 pounds on validation date. Be in the exhibitor's possession by the 3rd Saturday of May. Minimum weight is 8 pounds; maximum weight is 11 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 3rd Saturday of May, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Any steuer rabbit may be double entered in the Breeding Show as long as they meet the required weights for breeding rabbits outlined in the American Rabbit Breeder Association "Standard of Perfection" book. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. **(ROASTER RABBITS)** Born after 4th Monday of April. Be in the exhibitor's possession by 2nd Saturday of July. Minimum weight is 5½ pounds; maximum weight is 8 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 2nd Saturday of July at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION - Must own rabbit by the 2nd Saturday of July. Californian senior bucks 8 months and over must weigh 8 to 10 pounds. Californian intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 9 pounds. Californian senior does 8 months and over must weigh 8½ to 10½ pounds. Californian intermediate does 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 9½ pounds. New Zealand senior bucks 8 months and over must weigh 9 to 11 pounds. New Zealand intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 10 pounds. New Zealand senior does 8 months and over must weigh 10 to 12 pounds. New Zealand intermediate does 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 11 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of July at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION – All market poultry must be ordered by order date. Minimum project consists of 5 turkeys per exhibitor, 15 chicks per exhibitor to show both broilers and roasters. Turkey Order date 1st Wednesday of March **(TURKEYS-HENS AND TOMS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Wednesday of June, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent, **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. Broiler/Roaster Order by the 3rd Friday of May **(ROASTERS-MALES ONLY WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 5 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** 1st Tuesday of September from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. **(BROILERS-1 PEN OF 3-PULLETS ONLY, WITH A TOTAL PEN WEIGHT NOT TO BE LESS THAN 12 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Tuesday of September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per pen. **PLEASE NOTE:** Exhibitors cannot exceed a total of three (3) poultry entries. Some examples are: Exhibitor may show 3 turkeys, or 3 roasters, or 3 pens of 3 broilers, or 1 turkey, 1 roaster and 1 pen of 3 broilers, etc.

MARKET STEER DIVISION - Minimum weight 1000 pounds; maximum weight 1400 pounds. Steers must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body excluding the tail switch before arrival onto the fairgrounds; ¼ inch length will be checked at weigh-in. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of June at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **NOSE PRINTS WILL BE TAKEN. ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION – Minimum weight 90 pounds except Southdown 80 pounds; maximum weight 155 pounds. Lambs must be slick/clean shorn from the hocks up prior to final weigh-in. **CLASSIFICATION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 4th Saturday of June at the fairgrounds from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET SWINE DIVISION - Minimum weight 230 pounds; maximum weight 280 pounds. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 am – 10:00 am, Alice Ag Farm 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Ben Bolt Ag Farm 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Premont Ag Farm 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm and the 4th Saturday of June: Jim Wells County Fair Grounds (Swine Barn) 8:00 am – 10:00 am. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

BREEDING GILT DIVISION – Minimum weight 230 pounds; maximum weight 280 pounds. Breeding gilts will consist of 4 divisions: Duroc, Hampshire, OPB and Crosses. **VALIDATION DATE: VALIDATION DATE:** The 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 am – 10:00 am, Alice Ag Farm 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Ben Bolt Ag Farm 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Premont Ag Farm 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm and the 4th Saturday of June: Jim Wells County Fair Grounds (Swine Barn) 8:00 am – 10:00 am. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION – Market goats may be either wethers or does and must weigh between 70-115 at weigh-in. **POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATES:** All goats must be in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 4th

Saturday of June. Goats must be validated at the fairgrounds on the 4th Saturday of June from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT DIVISION – POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE: All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by the 1st Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before 1st Saturday of August on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor name, mailing address, physical address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, goat's sex, and goats approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided. **CHECK-IN:** Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Wednesday, October 23, 2020, for check-in by noon. The division superintendent will assign pens if available. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per breeding goat.

JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION – All horses entering the Jim Wells County Fair must be tested for EIA according to the Texas Animal Health Commission rules & regulations. The exhibitor or immediate family must own animal by the 1st Saturday of August. Horses under lease, but not owned by exhibitor, do not qualify. Animal may be grade or registered, any breed. **VALIDATION DATES:** The 1st Saturday of August from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All horses must be at the fairgrounds to validate. You must have a Grade Identification Form or a copy of Registration Forms and a copy of all Coggins to leave at validation. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per class.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION PEN OF 2 – A maximum of four (4) head per exhibitor may be tagged for validation: only two head will be permitted to compete in the show. However, validated heifers that were not shown will be allowed sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale but will be ineligible to compete for awards and prizes. Projects may be validated by family, individual ownership must be designated at final weigh in. An average weight of no less than 550 pounds and no more than 800 pounds per head will be allowed at validation. Heifers may be weighed by the head or by the pen, but the average will be on all heifers in the pen. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of June from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Livestock Auction Barn. **ENTRY FEE:** \$20.00 per pen.

JUNIOR BREEDERS BEEF HEIFER DIVISION – Heifer must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association prior to the 1st Saturday of August. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Must show proof of ownership. Heifer must be in the exhibitor's possession prior to the 1st Saturday of August. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Heifers must have come from a previously held Jim Wells County Calf Scramble. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

VOCATIONAL SHOP PROJECTS DIVISION – This division is open to all 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members enrolled in the public and parochial schools of Jim Wells County. Projects constructed during the previous 12 month period prior to the fair are eligible. Projects must be the direct result of the student's own effort. Projects entries forms must be returned by the 2nd Wednesday in September. Ribbons will be presented at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Merchant's Building following judging on Wednesday, October 23, 2020. Exhibitor must sell a fair membership. **ENTRY FEE:** \$1.00 per project and \$5.00 per team project.

HOMEMAKING DIVISION – All entries **MUST** be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed within one (1) calendar year of the previous fair. All entries must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. Registration of entries must have the exact description of each entry. All entry forms will be available at the Jim Wells County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office and must be returned by the 1st Friday of September-no later than 4:30 p.m. No late entries will be accepted. Entry forms must be complete; no entries can be filled out at the Extension office. Entries to the Jim Wells County Fair will be taken to the Woman's Building on Monday, October 19, 2020 between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. No late arrivals will be accepted. All index cards for entries must be completed and placed with entry before checking in with the department superintendent. Food Items must have a copy of the recipe without participant's name included with the item. Pre-registration description must match with item turned in **ENTRY FEE:** None (BUT PLEASE NOTE) all youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership. All adult (19-59) entries must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The Senior Citizen division is open to any Jim Wells County resident 60 years of age or over.

CALF SCRAMBLE DIVISION – Only active 4-H and FFA members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may participate. Contestants must answer 5 questions (on a separate sheet of paper) that are attached to the minor's release/entry card. Contestants must submit the answered questions, minor's release/entry card to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on 2nd Wednesday of September. Incomplete minor's release will not be accepted. All information requested must be complete. **RECIPIENTS MUST SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION ADVISOR, SPONSORS AND THE SCRAMBLE HEIFER SUPERINTENDENT BY NO LATER THAN THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.**